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Senator Luchini, Representative Caiazzo, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee:

Maine has a tradition of civic duty and strong voter participation, however, there is one area where I believe we are falling short. Under current law, the 32% of Maine voters who are unenrolled -- often referred to as independents -- are unable to participate in primary elections.

Given that nearly 70% of general elections are effectively determined by the primary, it's clear that the status quo is fundamentally undemocratic. Furthermore, party primaries are paid for by taxpayers and, as such, unenrolled voters are paying for elections in which they cannot vote.

Approximately 80% of Maine voters support opening primary elections to unenrolled voters. Please join us by voting in support of L.D. 231, "An Act to Establish Open Primaries."

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