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Dear Members of the Committee of Veteran and Legislative Affairs,

Please vote yes to pass LD 1496 which brings much needed credibility and accountability to our election process. Canvassing election returns by a party-balanced committee is a sound solution to the many election integrity concerns raised by so many and unfortunately ignored by others. It is unfortunate that oversight is necessary to determine if a re-count is required. But more importantly it is imperative that every voter has the confidence, supported by their government, that their vote is counted.

Voter disenchantment is growing at an alarming rate. If you truly want to restore trust in our election process then please vote to pass LD 1496.

If you want to put to rest the dissent from the Republican voters and create a unified trust in elections, then vote to pass this bill.

Thank you for allowing me to contribute my testimony.