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LD 234

Chair Hickman, Chair Supica, and distinguished members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

I am writing to oppose LD 234, "An Act to Eliminate Ranked-choice Voting."

Ranked-choice voting is a huge step forward in voting rights, and should be applied to every political office in Maine and adopted nationally as well. It ensures that candidates campaign for votes across the political spectrum, not just the extreme fringes. It actually empowers voters by allowing them to indicate not just their first choice but, if they elect to do so, their second, third, and other choices. People do this every day in other parts of their lives, so the argument that it is confusing for voters doesn't hold up to scrutiny.

To the extent confusion exists it's because RCV doesn't apply to every political office in Maine, or in every primary and general election.

Please vote against LD 234 and retain RCV.