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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

Regarding L.D. 234, "An Act to Eliminate Ranked-choice Voting"

Sen. Hickman, Rep. Supica, and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I'm Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support LD 234, "An Act to Eliminate Ranked-choice Voting".

I have worked at the polls in Belgrade and witnessed first hand the difficulty this issue has perpetrated on our citizens. After several years in existence, voters still struggle to understand how Ranked-choice Voting (RCV) works and if they want to use it or not.

It is supposed to work to get a candidate to 50%+1 or higher. It doesn't work, and some winners, after all the counting is done, still may not reach that goal.

Outside Maine money, and those with the goal to cheat, must not influence our voting system in our beloved state.

I urge this committee to vote "ought to pass" on LD 234. Thank you.