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

**Regarding L.D. 175,** "Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Ensure That Only Citizens of the United States May Participate in Elections."

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 **L.D. 175,** "Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Ensure That Only Citizens of the United States May Participate in Elections."

This is common sense legislation. I'm surprised we even need to address it, that it isn't already the law of the land. Only those with a vested interest in the welfare of our State of Maine should have the right to declare their position on any ballot. As the summary states **ONLY**, "...18 years of age or older and who are residents of this State... vote for Governor, Senators and Representatives and in any election where those citizens reside..."

I urge this committee to vote "ought to pass" on LD 175. Thank you.