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**To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs**  
**Regarding L.D. 309, “An Act to Allow a Political Party to Determine How That Party's Nominee**  
**Is Selected in a Primary Election”**

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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 L.D. 309, “An Act to Allow a Political Party to Determine How That Party's Nominee Is Selected in a Primary Election”.

Ranked-choice Voting does not hold up to the promises it purported when it was enacted in Maine. For reasons I submitted to this committee in my testimony on LD 234, and others submitted as well, it doesn’t serve the people of Maine well. Therefore, political parties should have the right to use it or not when they hold their conventions and choose how to vote for their candidates, and choose their candidates. A political party should not be regulated by our state as to mechanisms for voting for primary candidates.

I urge this committee to vote “ought to pass” on LD 309. Thank you.