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Testimony in favor of LD 1666- Ranked Choice Voting

My name is Ronald Bancroft, resident of Cumberland, Maine. I was a member of the original Committee to support RCV in Maine. I support extending RCV because RCV ensure that the winning candidate has a clear majority. Also RCV makes it easier to have more than two candidates in a race, it encourages more participants in the process because there can be no "spoilers" in an RCV election. It is also true that the RCV approach tends to encourage candidates to cast a broader net to potential supporters, thereby encouraging constructive dialogue rather than playing to the extremes. In short, it is very effective in encouraging more and better engagement with the electoral process.

RCV has been well tested in Maine and many other types of elections in the US. It works! and it works better than any alternative. Please support the extension of RCV embodied in LD1666.