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I am writing to provide personal testimony in support of ranked choice voting and the extension of this for general and special elections for the governor, state senators, and state representatives. Ranked choice voting in Maine once again showcases Maine as a national leader in fair and equitable voting practices. It encourages civil campaigning, reduces any sense of a “wasted” vote, eliminates the need for multiple elections, and determines the candidate with the strongest support. All of these benefits also encourage and allow for a break from the two party political system, so strongly ingratiated in the United States. Breaking away from this two party political system is, I believe, one of the only ways we will build back trust in and civility within our democracy. With Maine as a leader in promoting the equitable practice of rank choice voting we stand by our state motto of “Dirigo” and continue to lead the nation forward into the future.