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LD 1666

Dear Honorable Craig Hickman, the Honorable Laura Supica, Co-Chairs, and the Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs,  
My name is Martha Sweezy. I live in South Portland and I am testifying in support of LD 1666. I support the bill for a number of reasons. First and foremost is that Maine voters affirmed their support of Ranked-choice Voting (RCV) in the 2016 and 2018 elections. In addition, polling in 2024 demonstrated that the majority of Mainers continue to support RCV. RCV is vital because it eliminates spoilers and ensures that the candidate who wins the election represents the support of the majority of voters. Most importantly, RCV allows candidates from outside the two major parties to more fairly compete and participate in the dialogue on the issues before the voters. Expanding RCV to include all races in Maine would truly reflect the will of the people.  
Thank you for your service to Maine and the opportunity to testify.