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LD 1666

Senator Craig Hickman, Representative Laura Supica, and distinguished members of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs,

We, Margaret and Peter Zack of Porter Maine, are submitting this letter and testimony to the committee in strong support of LD 1666, An Act to Include in the Ranked-choice Election Method for General and Special Elections, the Offices of Governor, State Senator, and State Representative and to Make other related Changes.

We have welcomed the opportunity to use ranked-choice voting, to be able to vote for someone other than a Democrat or Republican, knowing we are not "wasting" a vote for a candidate who will probably not be a major contender. With ranked-choice voting our second choice will be counted if neither major party does not get a majority. But we have been frustrated to know that presently ranked-choice voting is possible only for federal positions. Passage of LD 1666 will make ranked-choice voting possible for state positions.

Ranked-choice voting allows a voter to vote their conscience.

Ranked-choice voting requires a candidate to win a majority of constituents' votes. To do so the candidate will need to shy away from extreme positions. As a result politics becomes less angry and confrontational.

We strongly urge the committee to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD1666.