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Hon. Louis Luchini, Senate Chair  
Hon. John Schneck, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs  
State House Room 437  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Senator Luchini and Representative Schneck:

I am writing today to provide information Neither For Nor Against LD 186, *RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Specify the Qualifications of Electors.*

LD 186 calls for an amendment to Maine's Constitution that would limit the right to vote in any state, county, municipal or other local (e.g. school) election to U.S. citizens.

This limitation is already found in Maine's Revised Statutes. Title 30-A, section 2501 provides that "the qualifications for voting in a municipal election conducted under this Title are governed solely by Title 21-A, section 111." Title 21-A, Section 111 (1) requires that "the person must be a citizen of the United States."

This means that municipalities are not currently able to adopt ordinances to allow non-citizens to vote in municipal elections, as these ordinances would violate the statutes cited above.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Aaron M. Frey".

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