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Greeting to the Honorable Chairs Senator Lachowicz and Representative Graham and the distinguished Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, I am Roberta Beavers. I represent District 148 and serve the people of Eliot and part of South Berwick. I am a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before your committee in support of LD 489.

These are the five points I wish to make in support of LD 489, as Representative Schneck has and others hopefully will:

1. It will enable the legislature to legislate effectively, efficiently and continuously for their constituencies instead of breaking to campaign one year into their current term.
2. It will afford lawmakers more time to do the policy and lawmaking work they are elected to do.
3. Legislators will be free to do the right thing without worry over whether that thing might keep them from being reelected for an additional term.
4. Up to \$1.5 million in Maine Clean Election Funds over both 4-year terms could be saved.
5. It maintains the wish of the people of Maine to limit service to 8 years per chamber.
6. Will not limit legislators' communication with constituents thanks to social media.

Thank you.