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THE MAINE HERITAGE POLICY CENTER

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The Honorable Janet Mills  
Governor of Maine  
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Dear Governor Mills,

On behalf of more than 10,000 supporters, followers and activists of The Maine Heritage Policy Center, I respectfully request that you veto LD 1083, "An Act To Implement Ranked-choice Voting for Presidential Primary and General Elections in Maine."

We recently released an analysis (attached to this letter) that examines the data and outcomes of 96 ranked-choice voting elections held throughout the country. In the average ranked-choice voting election, 11 percent of ballots are thrown out due to ballot exhaustion. This causes the average winner of these elections to win with a fake majority of the votes cast on Election Day approximately 61 percent of the time.

Most troubling, our research found that the information costs of ranked-choice voting disenfranchise minority voters and voters with less education, the same individuals who are already less likely to participate in our elections.

LD 1083 is impractical in its application and will impose new costs on our state. It is clear Republicans have no interest in using ranked-choice voting and the system may not be applicable to the Democratic presidential primary. The Secretary of State's Office has advocated for using first-choice votes to determine presidential primary winners and called the subsequent rounds of counting through ranked-choice voting unnecessary.

Please take this information into consideration when you make your decision on LD 1083. It is our belief that ranked-choice voting is the wrong path forward for Maine, and we are counting on you to stop the expansion of this voting system in Maine.

Respectfully,



Matthew Gagnon  
Chief Executive Officer

P.S. We began circulating a petition in opposition to the expansion of ranked-choice voting earlier this week and have attached the names and residencies of the 280 individuals who have signed the petition to date.

First Name	Last Name	Residence
Tawney	Staples	Pownal
Robert	Jones	Dresden
Linda	Bury	Monson
Gloria	Sites	Sabattus
Stephen	Fellis	Lamoine
Tim	Williams	Yarmouth
John	Ehman	Milford
Rosemary	Nicklaus	Oxford
Anthony	Bragdon Jr	Levant
Sarah	Nickerson	Searsport
Harold	Floyd	Monmouth
Robert	Dunbar	Grand Isle
George	Dunlap	Gray
Cathy	Bryant	Bangor
Kim	Parlee	Brewer
Paul	Trommer	Bangor
Wade	Stoddard	Roque Bluffs
Anthony	Lyford	Kenduskeag
Sandra	Simpson	Newport
Father Roland	Jacques	Lewiston
Clifton	Small	Brownville
Charles	Gould	Eliot
Rebecca	Donovan	Brewer
Cheryl	Allen	Harmony
Jan	White	Georgetown
Jacquelyn	Aspito	Portland
Christopher	Stevens	Chelsea
Elmer	Hunt	Poland
Barbara	Lawrence	Hampden
Carla	Palmer	Fryeburg
Raymond	Wurtz	Richmond
Rosanne	Bowen	Houlton
Zachary	Wood	Levant
Debbie	Fitcher	Belgrade

First Name	Last Name	Residence
Jason	Chatfield	Kenduskeag
John	Moss	Durham
Stephen	Blanchard	Sebec
Cathy	Depalma	Belgrade
Kendall	Foster	Dexter
Dennis	Townsend	Glenburn
Peter	Merz	Poland
Anne	Jacques	Lewiston
Robert	Mills	Livermore Falls
Tom	Auger	Cumberland
Reginald	Merriam	Monmouth
Jim	Cressey	Arundel
Nathaniel	French	Augusta
Zak	Parsons	Gorham
Coleen	Putnam	Brooks
Gladys	Foster	South Paris
dawn	foster	Limington
Michael	Libby	Holden
Kathleen	Kamyk	Bangor
Debbie	Liberty	Corinna
Dan	Beggs	Auburn
Nicholas	Scaliatine	Livermore Falls
George	Adams	Wiscasset
Linda	Orlando	Brewer
Robert	Beaton	Hampden
Charlie	Michaud	Searsport
Catherina	Littlefield	Topsham
Esther	Holbrook	Auburn
Brittany	Bertocchi	Pittsfield
Beth	Bland	Ellsworth
John	Hackett	Bowdoinham
Robyn	Williams	Auburn
Katherine	Havens	St. Albans
Peter	Spinney	Owls Head

First Name	Last Name	Residence
Dennis	Cummings	Searsport
Donald	Blanchard	Chesterville
Tom	Linnell	Dexter
Clarence	Rider	Exeter
Deborah	Bassett	Arrowsic
Sandra	Overlock	Warren
Lee	Boardway	Dover Foxcroft
Paula	Hutton	Howland
Cindy	Johansen	Monticello
Philip	Small	Stetson
Sandra	Bouchard	Brunswick
Lavorne	Jackson	Rumford
John	Clevenger	Sabattus
Evelyn	Adams	Frankfort
Craig	Milne	Cumberland
Scott	Gill	Fort Fairfield
Cheryl	Hajek	Plymouth
Timothy	Spencer	Winthrop
Roberta	Mayer	Damariscotta
Charles	Hartman	Limestone
Yvonne	Dumont	Monmouth
Rick	McVey	Newry
Heidi	Warren	West Gardiner
Rick	Grenier	Lewiston
Wilfred	Bond	Livermore Falls
Robert	Thomas	Woodland
Mary E	Dow	Richmond
Helen	Carpenter	Bangor
Doretta	Prior	Carmel
Gary	Fogg	Eddington
George	Corey III	Garland
Patricia	Witt	Rockport
Joanne	Blouin	Lewiston
Nicole	Xanders	Fryeburg
Nyle	Perkins	West Gardiner
Georgeanna	Bickmore	Argyle Township
Michael	MacVicar	Sebago
Charice	Oliver-Riley	Freeport

First Name	Last Name	Residence
Mary	Dubois	Leeds
Daniel	Ober	Newburgh
Linda	Stevens	Presque Isle
Edward	Youngblood	Brewer
Jamie	Freeman	Turner
Glen	Desjardins	New Canada
Michael	Guyette	Ellsworth
Aaron	Lyons	East Millinocket
Gwendolyn	Clark	Ellsworth
Wayne	Withee	Garland
Shawn	Labree	Old Town
Robin	Millett	Oxford
Jim	Wescott	Windham
Steven	Horne	Sanford
Thomas	McCraw	Windham
Rachel	Leighton	Falmouth
Christopher	Cerrato	Sumner
Scott	Farrin	South Bristol
Carol	Glidden	Chelsea
Laura	Goulet	Corinth
Joel	Ellis	Turner
Wayne	Burke	St. Albans
Katharyn	Cormier	Auburn
Todd	Talon	North Monmouth
Don	Emery	Livermore Falls
Daniel	Burchstead	Sebasco Estates
Paul	Gregoire	Kennebunk
Elissa	Littlefield	Orland
Deril	Stubenrod	Sidney
Wanda	Chaisson	Jackman
Verna	Gunderson	Winterport
Paula	McInnis	South Paris
Sharon	Cummings	Litchfield
David	Guerard	York
Jeffrey	Groat	Durham
William K	Edgqecomb Sr	Randolph
Herb	Taggart	Levant
Sandra-Anne	Cronin	Topsham

First Name	Last Name	Residence
Dawn	Corey	Easton
Simon	Jacobs	Bangor
Cathy	Russell	Lisbon
Michael	Fortin	Madawaska
Judith	Morrow	Cumberland
Gregory	Clark	Augusta
Sally	Schwarze	Hudson
Edith	Ellis	Turner
Roger	Hale	Naples
Louanne	Pinkham	Wiscasset
Ronald	Tebbetts	Auburn
Thomas	Verreault	Auburn
Linda	Washburn	Brunswick
Robert	Errickson	Etna
June	Robertson	Springvale
Loretta	Dyer	Yamouth
Donna	Spinelli	Oakland
John	Shaw	Caribou
Mary	Turner	Monmouth
Sue	Ferreira	Unity
Brian	Carroll	Dixmont
Belinda	Townsend	Glenburn
Terri	Butcher	Bangor
Elisabeth	Echevarria	Falmouth
Colleen	DeWitt	China Village
Myrtle	Williams	St. Francis
Victoria	McIntyre	Lowell
Brian	Nile	Harrison
Leon D	Humiston Jr	Old Orchard Beach
Kathy	Lanpher	Orland
Karen	Hewey	Swanville
William	Hutton	Howland
Nathan	Woodard	Kenduskeag
Danver	Richards	Brunswick
Patricia	Lindemann	Hampden
Wendy	Cavers	Litchfield
Lara	Hooker	Bangor
Jennie	Taylor	Bristol

First Name	Last Name	Residence
Pam	Rousseau	Auburn
Jean	Malo	Brewer
Everett	Gray	Canton
Joel	Dupre	Canaan
Ronald	Kneeland	Charleston
Scott	Manter	Brunswick
Brenda	Marichal	Lewiston
Patrick	Labbe	Presque Isle
Janice	Phillips	Frankfort
Andrew	Collins	Old Town
Lisa	York	Dixmont
Judy	Varney	Corinna
Ian	Pratt	Robbinston
Mel	Greene	South Gardiner
Judith	Perry	Newburgh
Pamela	Marston	Westbrook
Charles	Heureux	Milo
Vincent	Tammaro	Lewiston
Judy	Lunn	Presque Isle
Kelly	Frye	Orland
Joyce	Hanscom	Orland
Clifton	Cyr	Madawaska
Candie	Mayhew	Waterboro
Richard	Canty	Presque Isle
Christina	Pagliaroli	Gardiner
Michael	Hiscock	Auburn
Elizabeth	Sawyer	Lisbon
Jack	Uminski	Falmouth
Shirley	Arrants	Bradford
James	Andrews	Randolph
Gerald	Galbreath	Chelsea
Pam	Vaillancourt	Auburn
Lora	Tourtelotte	Augusta
Sarah	Niles	Bradley
Patrick	Simmons	Bowdoinham
Patsy	Chattley	Otis
Dianne	Brown	Ripley
Sheridon	Gove	Freeport

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Stephen T.	Broas	Auburn
Bruce	McIntosh	Presque Isle
Lisa	Norsworthy	Bangor
Jack	Harlow	Sabattus
Dean	Alley	Lubec
Tom	Vose	South Portland
Kenneth	Parent	Norridgewock
Susan	Emerson	Corinna
Deborah	Prescott	Auburn
Robert	Foster	Hampden
Mark	Wellman	Bangor
Kenneth	Hanscom	Dexter
James	Waite	Old Orchard Beach
Vivian	Cammack	Brewer
Stephen	McGuire	Veazie
Rick	Wheeler	Monmouth
David	Dunn	Glenburn
Pamela	Morris	Hermon
Joseph	Maloney	Auburn
Kenneth	Sener	Bath
Stewart	Atwood	Machias
Sue	Santore	Sebec
Adam	Crepeau	York
Brenton	Walker	Greene
Lloyd	Wilkins	Bath
Ann	Perante	Albany Township
Caren	Knowles	Presque Isle
Brian	Prince	Veazie
Oscar	Gerry	Oakland
Ed	Butler	Smithfield
Jonathan	Doray	Dresden
Bill	Libby	Orono

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Chris	Poulin	Glenburn
Judith	Torrington	Manchester
Heidi	Rubino	Windham
Joseph	Dionne	Abbot
Gail	Turner	Littleton
Kathy	Astle	Greenbush
John	Turcotte	Harmony
Edward	Lyons	Norway
Mark	Vaillancourt	Auburn
Andrew	Pierce	East Machias
Holly	Montgomery-Corcoran	Bangor
Wendy	Thatcher Hall	Appleton
Ellen	Butterfield	Clifton
Deb	Newcomb	Swanville
Morgan	Knox	Winslow
Darlene	Stewart	Dexter
Jennifer S	Carter	Standish
Tyler	Fogg	Cape Neddick
Alan	Jay	Milo
Susan	O'Roak	Glenburn
Bret	Bishop	Bangor
Vicky	Jones	Holden
Rebecca	Halloran	Glenburn
Gerrard	Rudmin	Dexter
Donna	Vatcher	Sabattus
Rod	Roderick	Baileyville
Philip	Badger Jr	Hampden
Steven	Spivey	Ellsworth
Ronald	Plante	South Portland
Sherry	Chabot	Livermore Falls
Shawn	Provencher	Auburn