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Good Morning Senator Luchini and Representative Caiazzo, Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Tracy Haskell. I reside in Bar Harbor and I am here today as a volunteer for the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network (MUUSAN). I am testifying in support of LD 1330 An Act To Join the National Popular Vote Compact.

MUUSAN is a faith based statewide network of Unitarian Universalists committed to a legislative ministry that promotes and protects democracy. In living our faith, Unitarian Universalists are guided by a set of seven principles which we hold as moral guides. These strong values affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, they affirm justice and they affirm the use of the democratic process.

The 15th Amendment, the 19th Amendment, the Voting Rights Act ... The United States has a long history of reaching for justice and equality within our electoral system. The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVC) is another opportunity to becoming the democracy where there truly is equality for all voters. The NPVC would make "one person, one vote" a reality and would provide a mechanism where the electorate accurately represents the voices of the people.

Democracy and the right of all people to have a voice and a vote is at the very heart of our Unitarian Universalist faith. We believe strongly in justice, it is a sacred path where all voters are valued equally no matter where they live. Unitarian Universalists are known to be people who show up. Today we are showing up for democracy by embodying the values of our faith by advocating for a future where each and every vote counts.

Maine Unitarian Universalists, in affirming and promoting the democratic process, ask you to pass LD 1330 An Act to join the National Popular Vote Compact. Thank you for your time.