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Mr. Robert Bauer
Co-Chair
Presidential Commission on
Election Administration
GSA, 1176 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Mr. Benjamin Ginsberg
Co-Chair
Presidential Commission on
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GSA, 1776 G. Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Commissioners Bauer and Ginsberg:

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituent, Joe Pickering of Bangor, Maine, who shared with me a letter sent to your Commission by Ms. Jackie Salit, President of IndependentVoting.org. This organization is concerned with protecting the rights of independent voters in the electoral process. Although I am not affiliated in any way with this organization and may not agree with all of its views, I believe fair election methods are critical to our democratic system and help to encourage more voters to participate in elections.

According to Ms. Salit's letter, 40 percent of Americans identify as independent voters. Mr. Pickering is concerned that the electoral process discourages independent voters and believes the electoral process must be reformed to address any voting barriers faced by these voters.

Thank you for your consideration of my constituent's views. Correspondence may be directed to Mr. Pickering at 13 Pond Street, Bangor, ME, 04401.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



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