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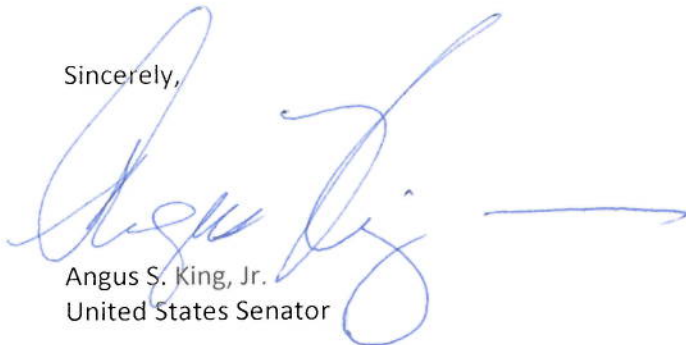
Mr. Robert Bauer and Mr. Benjamin Ginsberg  
Co-Chairs  
Presidential Commission on  
Election Administration  
GSA, 1776 G Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Commissioners Bauer and Ginsberg:

Today, fewer Americans are enrolling in political parties. The standard voting mechanisms and procedures throughout the country have worked in the past because the vast majority of the population was enrolled in either major party. In Maine, for example, election clerks who assist with ballots are members of the three parties (Democratic, Green Independent, and Republican) but independents (who are termed "unenrolled" and in Maine include up to 36% of the population) – do not have election clerks who can ensure the integrity of the voting process. I hope that as part of your review of the nation's voting problems that you look for situations similar to this.

Any established system should be regularly evaluated to determine if parameters need to be updated to reflect the changes that occur in all societies. As an Independent United States Senator and former Independent Governor of Maine I believe voters not enrolled in a political party should be afforded the same rights given to voters who are enrolled in either party. I thank you for the important role you are performing in improving the sacred right of voting by your participation on the Presidential Commission on Election and Administration.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.  
United States Senator