



SEN. NATHAN LIBBY, SENATE CHAIR  
REP. GENEVIEVE MCDONALD, HOUSE CHAIR

MEMBERS:

SEN. LISA KEIM  
SEN. DONNA BAILEY  
SEN. RICHARD BENNETT  
SEN. SUSAN DESCHAMBAULT  
SEN. JEFFREY TIMBERLAKE  
REP. H. SAWIN MILLETT, JR.  
REP. AMY ARATA  
REP. MARK BLIER  
REP. MARGARET O'NEIL  
REP. HOLLY STOVER

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE  
GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Date: August 24, 2021

To: Senator Louis Luchini, Senate Chair  
Representative Chris Caiazzo, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

From: Senator Nathan L. Libby, Senate Chair *Nate Libby*  
Representative Genevieve McDonald, House Chair *Genevieve McDonald*  
Government Oversight Committee

RE: Maine's Citizen Initiative and People's Veto Process

---

On June 25, 2011, the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) released its final report on Maine's Citizen Initiative and People's Veto Process—Trends in Activity and Characteristics and Potential Opportunities for Improvement. A copy of the report is attached.

The report identified one issue and eight potential opportunities for improvement of the referendum and people's veto processes in the areas of transparency, accountability, effectiveness, efficiency, and the economical use of resources, involving either the Secretary of State (SOS) or the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices (Ethics Commission).

At the Government Oversight Committee (GOC) meeting on August 11, 2021, the GOC voted to refer the report to the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee to consider working with the SOS and Ethics Commission on the identified issue and potential opportunities for improvement and submit legislation as you may deem appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Attachment

cc: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs  
Members, Government Oversight Committee  
Janet Stocco, Legislative Analyst, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis  
Lucia Nixon, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability