

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 5434. Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island have already passed bills in support of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. All around us common sense, progressivism, and equality have been embraced on this issue. These states recognize that in the past the outcome of their electoral college votes is predetermined, and that individual people voting really don't have any impact at all. What could lower voter turnout more than that? As a supposed democracy, as we like to think of ourselves, this is counter to what we stand for. It is time to really become a democracy, for each person to count every time, no matter what.

I have lived and voted in three states, and five counties in my adult life. Each one of them has had a different impact. I am the same person with the same priorities and the same passions. Yet my knowledge and opinions were treated so differently, depending on my address. How does that help our governmental process? People are not stationary anymore. There are not "city folk" and "country folk" anymore. People move to go to college, graduate school, first jobs, second jobs, third jobs, fourth jobs... No one stays in one job out of high school anymore. They don't build a house on their parent's farm and stay there forever. State lines, county lines, and town lines should have no impact on how a vote is measured. One person, one vote.

Thank you for your time,

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