

February 21, 2017

Dear Government and Administration Committee,

I am writing in support of HB5434.

I have done quite a lot of research over the last six months concerning the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, and have come to the conclusion that this would be the fairest way for our country to proceed in electing the President of the United States.

The Electoral College is outdated and does not make sense in our modern political environment. We now live in a world where it is possible to create legitimate one person/one vote elections. Many democracies around the globe seem to make it work and the NPVIC is a legal way to make that happen within our Electoral College system.

I appreciate that it is a bipartisan concept that does not give preference to either conservatives or democrats in the two party system. In our state, red votes do not count at all under the Electoral College...if NPVIC were to take effect, it ensures every single vote would count. Maybe more people would participate in elections if they felt their votes would count.

Ultimately, I think it's ridiculous that in a supposedly enlightened country like the United States, we have a system that allows for a candidate who loses the majority to win the election. I don't care in which direction one's politics lean, that's an absurd concept. I would like to see our presidential candidates being encouraged to campaign everywhere in the US, not just in 12 states that currently have the power to elect them. I would like my vote to count.

Thank you for your consideration, and I urge you to support HB5434.

Sincerely,

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