

Testimony in Support of H.B. 5421

The interest in NPV is not a result of the 2016 presidential election. It has received serious consideration since 2010 and has traditionally been supported by both Democrats and Republicans, so let's remove the partisan spin from this topic.

Here are my top three reasons for supporting H.B. 5421:

- I believe NPV is the first step towards maximizing voter education and turnout, thus increasing the chance that eventual policies enacted by elected officials will be reflective of more people across the country. Once implemented, its effect can be reviewed by both parties. If proven fair and positive for our country, then it should be evaluated for taking the next step as a constitutional amendment to make it more stable and permanent.
- NPV will lead to more campaign involvement in **all** states rather than the current disproportionate targeting of the battleground states. In turn, the maximized voter education and turnout referenced in the previous paragraph.
- When states transitioned to direct popular vote, the "feared" unintended consequences did not occur. It is my belief that the same situation will be true of NPV. We must have open minds for progress.

Although these are my top three reasons for supporting NPV, there are many, many additional valid reasons, which I'm sure you will review in other submitted testimonies.

Thank you for considering supporting NVP on a bipartisan basis.

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