

To whom this may concern.

We believe in a democracy every vote should matter equally and the nation's leader should be the candidate who wins the most popular votes. Voters will be more participatory if they know every vote will count. Under the current state-by-state winner-take-all method of awarding electoral votes, this isn't the way modern presidential elections work. WHY NOT? Unless there is a desire to stop the people from having their right to vote equally.

Because most states, including Connecticut, are reliably blue or red, candidates have little incentive to campaign beyond the 10 or so "battleground" states. Of nearly 400 campaign events during the 2016 general election, 94 percent were held in just 12 states; only one was held in Connecticut. The distortions of the winner-take-all method thwart the will of the people. In two of the past five elections, the candidate elected president received fewer popular votes than the loser. Not only do all states have the right to get the Candidates to speak with them about the issues and interact with all potential voters and not just **use** the wealthier states like Connecticut as an ATM machine for their campaign coffers. This must stop.

The solution

The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is an elegant way to ensure that every vote cast for president matters equally, without having to abolish the Electoral College. Under the Compact, all of the participating states' electoral votes are cast for the candidate who wins the most popular votes in all 50 states. The Compact takes effect once states possessing 270 electoral votes (the number required to elect the President) have joined.

To date 10 states plus D.C. have joined the Compact, representing 165 electoral votes, more than half the votes needed for the Compact to go into effect. We therefore need the Electoral College to protect small states. While it's true that small states are overrepresented in the Electoral College due to the two extra votes they receive based on their two Senators, almost every small state is completely ignored (and therefore disadvantaged) in presidential elections under the current system. More fundamental, it's simply not fair that some votes matter more than others.

We can right this wrong and make the process much fairer to all voters no

matter whether they are considered to be living in Battleground states or states where they are seemingly not considered Battleground states.

Why should voters be treated differently because it is not clear who is a Republican and who is a Democrat? Therefore, unfairly representing those states where there is more of one Party than another, and are completely ignored?? Please do something intelligent and pass this BILL !

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