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Please support the National Popular Vote bill in Alaska via HB 175!

Judy Williams Eagle River, AK

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Thank you,

Naomi Davidson

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Please support HB 175

Every person's vote should count regardless of what state they live in. If their vote doesn't count, and in the Electoral College system it may not, there is no representation. If people don't feel their vote is going to count, they will stop voting. There is no alternative to full participation in our democracy, and for a true democracy, it is vital.

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## Donna Braendel

Dear AK Legislature:

I am writing in support of the National Popular Vote bill HB 175.

I am a registered non-partisan and believe we have to rise above the current parties and current headlines and take the long view with this issue. Every single major election in the entire country -

except the presidency - is decided with a "one person one vote" system, and I think it's time to extend this to the presidential race too.

I am a patriot and I believe in America and the American dream. For me, America's greatest strength is our commitment to democracy. I think it's time to "achieve a more perfect union" by allowing each citizen to have an equal say in electing the president. The advent of the electoral college has bent this part of our democracy and it's long past time to straighten it out. HB 175 is an efficient way to do so and I encourage you to support it.

I thank you for your time on this matter and your service to Alaska!

Malena Marvin

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Dear Rep. Fansler,

Thank you so much for reviving the issue of the interstate compact for the National Popular Vote. I was a strong supporter of this legislation last time it was in the Alaska Legislature and remember well the Republican legislator from Minnesota who addressed the Alaska Legislature in support of the compact.

Time has sharpened the value of the interstate compact. The US is now in a position where a large disparity exists between the numbers of voters represented by the electoral votes in some states, such as California, and the numbers of voters per electoral college vote in other states. This is not fair.

The electoral college, a compromise for issues no longer relevant to the US, is no longer relevant. Electors do nothing more than reflect the "winner" in their states. But since this is weighted representation, we end up in situations such as in 2016 where the voted selection of millions of voters is disregarded. This has happened in both Democratic and Republican winning elections.

The interstate compact has the advantage of not needing to change the constitution, but the capability of achieving the result of fairness, a democratic idea we all support.

Sincerely, Margo Waring

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