

No NO NO NO NO to Hb 175 support. Are you crazy for thinking of this assinie bill? Since when do we care what New York State and California have to say? Why on earth would I want my vote to go along with the large corrupt urban areas of the US? The electoral college was instituted by our wise forefathers for good reason. Do not waste your time corrupting it!

GET BACK TO BALANCING THE BUDGET. DO NOT WASTE TIME ON THIS BOONDOGGLE!

Karen Limstrom

Dear Representative:

Please **VOTE NO on HB 175**

It is unconstitutional and does not properly represent the vote of the people.

Sincerely,

Sarah Vance
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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing you today in opposition of HB 175.

First and foremost, this compact (and the bill) strikes me as an emotionally driven reaction of people who didn't get their way. In 2012 the Republican Party also talked about changing the electoral college when it appeared that their candidate (Romney) would have won had a different system been used. Democrats talked about it in 2000 when Al Gore lost the election. And on and on and on throughout our history - our founders had this same conversation! It never fails that the losing party thinks that there is a better way to conduct elections.

For the record: *I'm one of those people who didn't get their way.* I voted for Hillary Clinton, I supported Bernie Sanders in the primaries. I've been a Democrat most of my entire voting life. I was just as upset and shocked as everyone else who voted for Hillary when Donald Trump was elected President. I am *still* shocked and upset.

Moving towards a national popular vote is *not* how we change politics in America. As Americans we often talk about having things be equal – an equal and fair opportunity for all. On the surface HB 175 does that. One person, one vote. It makes sense on the surface.

But sometimes we have to work harder for those that have been disadvantaged (race, sex are the two big disadvantages that come to mind) so that they can have a seat at the table. That's not an uncommon idea for Democrats and it should not change because the disadvantage someone faces is geography. The people who voted for President Trump are currently a minority in America and we should strive to find ways where their voices are heard and listened to. Just because they disagree with us does not mean that they should be silenced. I *firmly* believe that the lack of listening to our fellow countrymen (and women) is what led to this election upset in the first place.

The issue of battleground states is *not* improved by switching to a NPV – in fact it could get worse with political candidates campaigning only in major metropolitan areas. As a state with many people in rural areas this compact places them at a distinct disadvantage. Even further still, what candidate would seriously campaign in Alaska with a National Popular Vote? Elections are a game of numbers and we have a very small population in the grand scheme of things.

It is important to consider the impact this would have for Alaska as a whole. Currently Alaska's electoral votes represent .6% of the electoral college. If we move to a popular vote that percentage drops by more than half to .2%. This would leave Alaskans and our voices even more disadvantaged than any time zone issue ever has.

I personally believe that the issues we see with the Electoral College could easily be resolved by splitting the electorates of each state to align with the ratio of votes for each candidate in each state. No more "winner takes all" races but instead a race where one of Alaska's electoral votes could go Hillary and two to Trump. Nebraska, Colorado and Maine all have systems that accomplish this in some manner. I would support state legislation that enacted this.

I do not support the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and I urge you to do the same. I would love to discuss this issue with you in person over coffee or via email. If you have any questions please email me or call me at [907-715-9593](tel:907-715-9593)!

Thank you for your time,

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