

My name is Jim Walker, and I live in Yarmouth, ME. I am testifying in support of LD 1578, "An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote."

In 2016, Donald Trump lost the popular vote by 2.9 million votes but won the election through the Electoral College. That was not a representative result of the majority of voters.

Worse, in 2020, Donald Trump and his co-conspirators sought to force Vice President Pence to stop the Electoral count, a usually ceremonial process, and replace the duly certified Electoral College. In addition, Donald Trump's followers almost stopped the Electoral College count with a violent attack on our nation's capital.

Concerns have been raised in the press that a future Electoral College process could produce a tie, throwing the election to the House of Representatives.

We need to support a more democratic process not subject to dirty tricks, violence, or questionable legal maneuvers.

The Electoral College does not represent the principle of one person, one vote, denying voters in Maine – Democratic and Republican – their voice in the selection of the President. In the National Popular Vote, all voters get an equal say in the selection of the President.

Please support LD 1578. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.