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LD 1578

Dear Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee:

My name is Tobin Williamson and I am a resident of Westbrook in Cumberland County, Maine.

I am submitting this testimony in support of LD 1578, An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote.

Quoting/paraphrasing Falmouth resident Marna Miller's testimony on this issue from a couple of years ago, "if presidents were elected by National Popular Vote, candidates would have to pay attention to the issues important to all voters," not just focusing on a handful of "swing" states mostly in the U.S. Midwest. As it is, progressives in "red states" and conservatives in "blue states" are often ignored, and many won't vote because they feel like their vote won't matter.

If we want a true representative democracy where every vote counts, National Popular Vote is the way to go. With this in mind, I encourage you to pass LD 1578. Thank you for your consideration.