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LD 1578

Dear Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the
Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

I am writing in support of LD 1578, "An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote". I believe it is vitally important for Maine to join the National Popular Vote Compact. When the Compact goes into effect, every vote for President will be counted equally throughout the country. The current 'Winner take all' system is the problem. In the 2020 election, for example, more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of votes (more than 5 million) cast in California were for Trump, more than in any other state. However, those votes didn't carry much weight since in California, a reliably blue state, all electoral votes went to the democratic candidate. Maine also has a 'Winner take all' system by District. In the 1st District, which is reliably blue, republican voters don't have much voice in the outcome since the electoral votes in the first district likely will be cast for the democratic candidate. The 'Winner take all' system is unfair and undemocratic. Now is the time for Maine to join the National Popular Vote Compact and bring us closer to a true democracy where EVERY vote in EVERY state would count equally allowing the people to pick the president.

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