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LD 1578

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and members of the Maine Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. I am Mike McClellan and I live in Raymond, Maine. I would lie to testify on LD 1578, An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote.

I am a Policy Director but am testifying for myself today. I am actually surprised and disappointed at some of the names on the sponsor list. This legislation is not good for Maine. In reading more about this compact, I see it is simply another way to affect the vote. We seem to continually miss the beauty of what our founding fathers created and try to improve it but this legislation would not. Passing this hurts Maine and we will be forgotten in future political events.

Maine's Electoral College vote treats our voters as an equal state to all the others. By moving to an agreement to merge our votes with others, we simply will give our voting rights to larger states like California and New York. Currently, they are two states being run poorly and losing citizens in great numbers. Why would we want to give them our vote? It would be like DEI for states.

Reading some of the information online about this initiative, it claims that California is treated unfairly because a Wisconsin vote gets treated with more power but I would simply say...look at the vote as 50 states and each is equal. We know our founding fathers looked at it this way and always had concern for the minority, so they created a system that was inclusive of the minority.

I also read how racist the Electoral College is. Yes, a political party did work to make Black Americans count less. Another political party formed and worked to free them and treat them as equal. A long fight that is still not won. The Electoral College is not racist but a tool that works. Please do not pass this forward and weaken our voting system even more.

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