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LD 1578

Craig Hickman , Laura Supica , Shelley Rudnicki , and members of the Veterans and LegalAffairs Committee.

My name is Chris Baker . I am a 69 year old retired carpenter and live in Blue Hill. I am writing to express my support for National Popular Vote ( LD1578).

The reason I support this bill is because the Electoral system is structured in such a way as to be seen to disenfranchise voters who do not live in a swing state. We know that every vote is created equal and that every vote counts . But we hear from the experts in the media that the election is decided by 100,000 voters in a handful of states . This perception leads voters in states such as Maine , which are not considered to be swing states , to the conclusion that their vote is insignificant .

Another reason I support this bill is because of how the Electoral count was abused by then President Trump and his allies in Congress. The scheme of issuing fake electors ballots in an attempt to undermine the will of the American people in the last election was a fraud and a disgrace to our democracy.

While it is possible that individual ballots , which make up the popular vote , can also be manipulated and abused , the 2020 election demonstrated almost no voter fraud . Only Elector fraud.

States controlled by Republican legislatures are passing hundreds of laws aimed at voter suppression. Our democracy is facing an assault by a group of people who do not believe in the right of the vote . They fear the popular vote. They fear democracy.

Democracy by definition is majority rule. A president who is elected without winning the popular vote leads in minority rule . History shows us that societies governed in minority rule suffer from voter suppression , violence ,and the threat of violence . Our country suffers from the violence that we all witnessed on Jan.6 three years ago and we now see our own Secretary of State living under the threat of violence every day. I am motivated in my activities as a citizen of this country by the sacred cause of democracy.

I urge the committee to pass LD1578.