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Support for LD1758, An Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote

A majority of Americans favor abolishing the electoral college system, and support for this effort is on the rise. A September 2020 Gallup poll recorded 60% of responders were in favor of abolishing the system. A Pew research poll from July 2023 recorded 65% of responders in favor of abolishing the electoral college.

Why is this on the rise? We only need to look at the results of the 2016 election to answer that question. Nearly 3 MILLION more people wanted Hillary Clinton to take the position of President of the United States. Electing a President that does not have the popular vote breeds voter apathy and a mistrust of the democratic systems and structures that make America special.

When we look at the electoral college system structurally and historically, it is a system rooted in patriarchal and racially motivated belief structures that do not rise to meet today's definition of equality.

The elected candidate for President of the United States should be the candidate who receives the most votes. Joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is a step in the right direction.

I support LD 1758.