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LD 252

I am writing in strong support of LD 252, “An Act to Withdraw from the National Popular Vote Compact,” and LD 1373, “An Act to Repeal the National Popular Vote Compact.”

Maine, along with Nebraska, holds the unique distinction of allocating its four electoral votes proportionally: two votes go to the statewide winner of the popular vote, and one vote each to the winner in Congressional Districts 1 and 2. This system has been in place since 1972 and provides a fair and equitable way to reflect the will of voters across our geographically diverse and largely rural state.

Unfortunately, there are efforts underway—such as LD 1356—to eliminate this system, further signaling an attempt by the current legislature to diminish our voice in national elections.

The National Popular Vote Compact undermines Maine’s influence by tying our electoral votes to the national popular vote, which is largely decided by densely populated urban areas. This effectively drowns out the voices of rural states like ours, stripping away the value of our unique approach and silencing the perspectives of many Mainers.

We cannot allow Maine’s voice to be reduced to an echo of larger states. Our current system empowers every corner of our state to have a say in choosing the President, and it must be preserved.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to vote “ought to pass” on both LD 252 and LD 1373.