

Good morning,

Honorable Members of the Veteran's and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Alicia Collins. I am a resident and a selectman in the town of Sidney.

I am speaking today in opposition to LD 1578, an Act to Adopt an Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular vote.

Why should the people of Boston rank higher than the citizens of Maine? You heard me correctly – the population of metropolitan Boston is 4.9 million. The population of Maine is 1.3 million.

Our Constitution was set up as a Representative Republic, not a Democracy.

I am going to tell you a story about a Presidential candidate who goes to the City of Boston to campaign.

He promises that population to build a new stadium for the New England Patriots – bought and paid for “by the people.”

Don't tell me it can't happen – it's my story – and sometimes facts are stranger than fiction.

The population of Boston loves this idea. They realize if the Feds are picking up the cost of the new arena, the price of tickets may be less. They will be able to attend more games. Why wouldn't they vote for this junket.

Meanwhile, back in Maine, the candidate knows he doesn't need to campaign. In the Pine Tree State, we've adopted the National Popular Vote. All our electoral votes will automatically go to the candidate with the most votes, even if the candidate's values don't align with ours.

Population of Massachusetts = 6.9 million

- 11 electoral votes

Population of Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont = 3 million

- 11 electoral votes

The Secretary of State has already disenfranchised votes. Does the State Legislature want to disenfranchise voters more?

Thank-you,

Alicia Collins

Citizen and voter for Sidney Maine