

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica and esteemed members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

I'm Kathleen Szostek currently living in Dixfield, Maine. I'm testifying in support of LD 252, An Act to Repeal the National Popular Vote Compact. I do so for the following reason:

According to the 2020 census, 27 states have more than three times the population of Maine. The largest state in terms of population, California, has 29 times the population of Maine. If we stay with the National Popular Vote compact, Maine voters will have no voice. Presidential candidates need only to campaign in the highly populated states to be elected.

This is a diverse nation. I vote for all constituents to be represented. Even low population states. That would not happen if we were to adhere to the National Popular Vote Compact.

You serve at the will of the people. I wouldn't think negating Mainers voice in the presidential election would qualify as being 'for Maine.'

I implore you: Restore Mainers voice by voting 'ought to pass' on LD 252.