

To The Honorable John Shanley and Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee:

We are writing to urge you to oppose bill H-5519, which would end Rhode Island's participation in the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

At a time when American politics is so polarized, it is more important than ever that citizens feel ownership of Presidential elections and a sense that their President truly represents the entire nation. All too often our eccentric Electoral College system has resulted in a winner who has not received the majority of votes. Presidential candidates currently invest the vast majority of their time and campaign budget in a small handful of so-called purple states, neglecting voters in the majority of our country. Voters in states where one party holds a clear majority too often choose not to vote, knowing that their votes will not influence the outcome of the election.

When fully implemented, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact will play an important role in healing our broken Federal politics.

Please vote against bill H-5519, and preserve this important interstate agreement.

Respectfully,

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