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Senate Rules Committee OR

Dear Committee,

As a veteran in Senator Courtney's district, I am very glad that this bill is having this hearing and ask you to vote to send it to the floor, as is, with no poison pill amendments or referrals to the voters.

I am tired of seeing our only national election turn into a battle of a tiny few swing states that leaves the vast majority of Americans irrelevant and that has again misfired, putting into the White House an individual who lost the popular vote by millions of votes.

All Americans' votes should count the same when it comes to electing our sole national elected official. The electoral college was invented to insulate slavery from popular rejection, and while it should be abolished outright, the National Popular Vote bill is as good as we can do, given the constraints of the US Senate system.

I am quite serious when I suggest that if America does NOT get the National Popular Vote compact in place that we may find the breakup of America much more of a realistic possibility than we could have imagined before the 2000 judicial coup and the 2016 electoral college catastrophe.

The National Popular Vote is a neutral, bipartisan reform that simply says that "One person, one vote" should be the rule in presidential elections too, and it will ensure that, in our country, all voters count, and count the same.

Sincerely,

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