

Testimony of Geoff Dolman in support of Senate Bill 19-042, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, on January 23, 2019

Chairman Foote, Vice Chair Court and distinguished members of the Committee; My name is Geoff Dolman, and I am from Longmont. I'm a retired IBMer and CU Boulder administrator among other things. I am testifying in support of proposed Senate Bill 19-042, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. I am here as an unpaid private citizen and not on behalf of any group.

Among the 16 advocates and founders of the modern National Popular Vote movement, *Every Vote Counts*, a majority of legislators and former legislators were Republican. Throughout the last 30-40 years, US legislators have sponsored legislation many times to amend the constitution to presidential elections by national popular vote. Sponsors have come from both parties.

Much of the opposition historically has been based on doing away with the Electoral College and passing a national popular vote amendment. The Compact does not call for an amendment. It relies on the Constitution's delegation to the states. State legislators are responsible for determining how the electors are selected.

To date, more than 2,800 state legislators nationally have endorsed the Compact. In a 2017 nationwide survey conducted by Make Every Vote Count, 7 of 10 U.S. adults favored a national popular vote. Every state reported majorities of republicans, majorities of democrats, and majorities of independents supporting the national popular vote. The Compact is not only bipartisan, it is clearly tri-partisan or non-partisan.

At different times, both the Colorado House and Senate have voted in favor of the Compact. Recent polls in Colorado have shown 56% of Republicans, 79% of Democrats, and 70% of independents, for an overall support of 68%.

12 states with 172 electoral votes have enacted the Compact. [DC, CT, HI, IL, MD, MA, NJ, WA, VT, CA, RI, NY]

On *Sixty Minutes* on November 13, 2016, President Elect Trump said, and I quote...

I would rather see it, where you went with simple votes. You know, you get 100 million votes, and somebody else gets 90 million votes, and you win. There's a reason for doing this: Because it **brings all the states into play.**

Well said.

I ask that you continue Colorado's leadership in our country by voting in favor of SB 19-042 to join the Compact. Thank you.