

**Statement by Jerad Sutton
2016 Presidential Elector**

My name is Jerad Sutton, and I was one of Colorado's nine Presidential Electors in 2016. I would be in attendance at the hearing for the National Popular Vote Bill, but I am a 7th grade math teacher and he have parent teacher conferences this afternoon.

During my experience as a Presidential Elector last year I realized how crazy the system in which we elect the President of the United States is. On December 19 at the State Capital I was presented a piece of paper with one name on it, and a box to check to officially cast my vote. I was then presented a similar piece of paper with one name for Vice President, and a box to check. Why did a previous Colorado legislature decide that all Electoral Votes go to the same Presidential/Vice Presidential ticket, and then legally bind those human Presidential Electors to vote for that ticket. One answer given to me by Secretary of State Wayne Williams was to honor the vote of the people of Colorado. I wanted to honor the vote of the people in the UNITED STATES were all votes are counted equally. Under current Colorado statute all votes for the losing ticket do not count in the national tally. Those people are disenfranchised. Since the US Constitution allows for all states to determine how their Presidential Electors are selected and who they vote for, we live in a system where every American's vote is not counted equally or at all.

Please vote for the National Popular Vote Bill, so that Colorado can be a part of the movement to have every American's vote count when we elect the President and Vice President.

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