Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members::

I am so excited to watch the progress of this as it has gained momentum throughout the nation by the voters of our country. We want our votes to count! We have been raised to believe and expect that, when we turn 18 years old, we can register to vote and that our vote makes a difference. It is what our schools teach us. It is what our parents and pastors teach us.

The Electoral College calls that a lie. The Electoral College says, if I don't live in one particular area in my state or in one particular state in my country, that my vote means little to nothing.

Why bother? Why bother voting? Why bother caring? Why bother DOING if it doesn't make a difference?

If democracy is to mean anything at all, if a republic is to be cherished and protected, then the vote of each citizen in that democratic republic must mean something, must be cherished and protected.

It is time to make the slogan "My Vote Counts!" mean something again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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