

The President Should be Elected by All Americans, Not Just Those in Swing States.

Dear Senate Rules Committee:

The National Popular Vote bill would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and D.C. This ensures that *every* vote, in *every* state, will matter in *every* presidential election.

Because of winner-take-all laws in states, general presidential election candidates have no reason to solicit votes in states where the statewide outcome is a foregone conclusion. The 12 closely divided "battleground" states received 94% of the general-election campaign events in 2016. The Presidency is a Federal office and thus should be decided by citizens and not states--we do not elect our state Governors with a county based electoral college--so why do it on the federal level for the highest office in our executive branch? Please help ensure the person who holds this office, the person who represents the "Nation", not some of its states--is elected by its citizens. Make every American's vote for President equal and vote yes on SB 870! Thank you.

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