

Long ago, in the days of slavery and a sparse population in the south, framers of the constitution let each state choose the way votes would be counted within that state. The Electoral college was born.

In addition, when senators were selected, we gave a great gift of power to states with a rural and small population and took away from the larger and more populated states.

That was then. Now we are not separated - we are bound together - "a nation Indivisible"

In my vision of a democracy every person has an equal voice. We do not have a democracy. Our constitution states that we must have "equal protection of the laws". Equal protection means equal voting rights for the president.

I ask that our state electoral college casts all votes for the winner of the popular vote. I thank Senator Courtney for bringing this vote to the floor. It is the "people's" time.

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