



**Written Statement: House Hearing, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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**This statement, submitted by Pure Integrity for Michigan Elections, comes with the support of the Freedom Alliance Project, Stand Up Michigan, and Michigan Fair Elections. PIME is an issue-based, nonpartisan political movement. We welcome all who support election integrity and the US and Michigan Constitutions.**

AGENDA:

**HB 4156** (Rep. Rheingans) Elections: other; agreement among the states to elect the President by national popular vote; enter into. Creates new act.

***PIME POSITION: OPPOSE.***

This bill looks to enter Michigan into a compact with other states to abolish the electoral college and vote instead for the President by way of National Popular Vote. This means that **Michigan’s voters would be completely ignored** if they don’t happen to vote for the same president as 51% of the country. Even if 100% of Michigan voters vote for a president that doesn’t get the National Popular Vote, then 100% of Michigan’s votes will be given to a candidate that no one in Michigan voted for. How will this sit with Michigan voters? And how can you then tell them that their vote counts?

This nation was founded on the union of individual states. This diversity and the ability of the population to move to states of like mind—plus the strength of our federal government to respect individual differences and to pilot ideas—is an essential component of this nation. Do not forsake it.

State’s rights are the very reason the Senate was created. Each state gets a number of Representatives based upon their population to represent the people. Each state also has two Senators to represent state’s rights. Enacting the

NPV would be like removing the Senate at the national level, at least when it comes to the presidential election.

The city of New York has almost as many people (8.8 million) as the entire state of Michigan (~10 million)? It's well known that majorities of populations of states reside in the larger cities within the states. Electing a president by National Popular Vote would ensure that candidates focus not only their campaigning but also their actions in office only to support people living in larger municipalities. How will people in rural or smaller cities ever gain the attention or resources they need and deserve?

Additionally, the NPV would allow someone not even on the Michigan ballot to get all of Michigan's electoral votes. When a state holds a statewide election to choose its presidential electors, the legislature does not then have the power to give away those electoral votes against the will of state voters.

The NPV also violates the Constitution's compact clause, which requires compacts between states to have the consent of Congress. "No State shall, without the Consent of Congress....enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State..."

<https://www.heritage.org/sites/default/files/2020-10/LM272.pdf>

This bill looks to undo the sovereignty of the state of Michigan by ignoring its voters and selecting instead someone as president that the large cities in the country would choose. Please tell Michigan voters that their votes DO matter. Do NOT bring this bill up for a vote in the House.

**HB 4440** (Rep. Rheingans) Elections: presidential electors; presidential electors who are elected under the agreement among the states to elect the President by national popular vote; clarify.

***PIME POSITION: OPPOSE.***

For the same reasons as HB4156.

**HB 4567** (Rep. Tsernoglou) Elections; voters; certain references to challenged ballots; remove.

***PIME POSITION: OPPOSE.***

Why would you allow someone who has not identified themselves to vote without at least a challenged ballot? 80% of US citizens support voter ID laws ([forbes 80% US citizens support voter ID](#)) and 72% of Michiganders support voter ID laws ([72% MI support voter ID](#)). This is NOT what the citizens want.

**HB 4568** (Rep. Whitsett) Elections; offenses; prohibition on the hiring of transportation assistance to the polls; eliminate.

**PIME POSITION: NEUTRAL**

**HB 4569** (Rep. Coffia) Elections; registration; preregistration to vote at age 16; provide for.

**PIME POSITION: OPPOSE.**

First, who is to say that the minor will still be living in Michigan when they turn 18? Adding people before they reach an eligible voting age would only further complicate our already bloated voter roll (QVF). The QVF already has more ‘eligible voters listed than the state has eligible voters, which is an impossibility. And since the minor’s personal information will be in the QVF, Michigan would now be sharing personal information of minors with 25 other states via participation in the ERIC system. Lastly, this is not equal application of election law and therefore discriminates against anyone who is not a minor. If a clerk were to do this, they would be violating MCL 168.509dd.

**HB 4570** (Rep. Rogers) Elections; absent voters; online application for absent voter ballots; provide for.

**PIME POSITION: NEUTRAL**

Respectfully submitted,

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