

Dear Editor,

I want to thank Washington State legislators for enacting the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. On behalf of the League of Women Voters Spokane Area, I want to emphasize the importance of ongoing efforts to establish an electoral system where every vote counts. This is especially relevant now, while voters prepare to engage in the upcoming presidential election.

Under the current system, countless voters are overlooked in the lead-up to elections, as campaigns concentrate on battleground states considered essential for victory. As a result, many state, regional and local issues are ignored by candidates who perceive them as irrelevant to their electoral success. A 2023 Pew poll indicated that 65% of voters support electing the president by popular vote and, with 209 of 270 electoral votes needed to implement the National Popular Vote, we are nearing a point where voters will no longer be ignored during elections.

Since 1970, the League of Women Voters has supported the abolishment of the Electoral College, and so, today, we wish to thank state legislators for championing the rights of voters in our state and across the nation.

Sincerely,

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