



September 20, 2023

The Honorable Joe Tate
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Speaker Tate

The League of Women Voters of Michigan urges you to pass House Bills 4156 and 4440 implementing the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. The League of Women Voters believes that the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice President is essential to representative government.

The presidential candidate who wins the most votes should win the presidency.

National Popular Vote has been adopted in 16 states and the District of Columbia. On May 18, 2023, Minnesota passed legislation to join the Compact with bipartisan support.

Michigan needs to pass similar bills to join the Compact. Doing so will give the Compact 220 of the 270 electoral college votes needed to implement it.

Many organizations support the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact including: American Civil Liberties Union, Common Cause, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Urban League, Sierra Club, and U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Please urge your caucus to take up this important legislation and pass it through the MI House of Representatives during the fall session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Bowman".

Paula Bowman
LWVMI Co-President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Hartsough".

Denise Hartsough
LWVMI Co-President