

I am writing to express my opposition to SCR 4013. First of all, the Electoral College was useful when we were still a much simpler, smaller country of only 13 states all with substantial rural populations. We now cover much of an entire continent with 50 states, including noncontiguous Alaska and Hawaii, and we are a much more complex, integrated, and denser populated nation. In some cases, more than half the population of a state can be found in its cities. This means that the 2nd "Whereas" of the Resolution is incorrect. The Electoral College now is causing an extreme representation imbalance between urban and rural areas. I would argue that the first "Whereas" is also incorrect: The Electoral College does not just "respect states as the essential units in our federal republic" but it actually has been seen to place the states' power above that of the federal republic. This is destructive not just to individuals' civil rights which are supposed to be guaranteed by portions of the Bill of Rights and other Amendments but also to the financial and social integration of the United States of America. Degrading or eliminating the concept of Interstate Commerce is not a step forward in my opinion. As to the other major subject of the SCR that opposes the National Popular Vote Compact, I disagree with the assertion that it "opens the door to greater federal control of elections." In fact, it is based on two clear powers given to the states under the Constitution: the power under Article 2 Section 1 to choose how to allocate its presidential electors, and the power under Article 1 Section 10 to enter into interstate compacts. Therefore, it supports rather than degrades states' powers. Because of all of this, I hope you will also oppose SCR 4013. Thank you.