

SCR 4013
Senate State and Local Government Committee -- Kristin Roers, Chair
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Testimony in Opposition to SCR 4013

Chair Roers and Members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, I am Vicki Voldal Rosenau, a lifelong resident of Valley City, ND. Thank you for this opportunity to offer my testimony in opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 4013.

Having studied and revered our representative-democracy form of government for more than half a century, I am appalled by the existence of this proposal.

The antiquated, undemocratic Electoral College system for electing the President of the United States of America needs to be abandoned -- assuredly not endorsed -- and replaced by a direct vote of The People.

Please take a moment to recognize the ignoble origin of the Electoral College scheme: It was concocted primarily in order to give an advantage to slave-holding states in determining Presidential elections! While racism still haunts our society, the issue of actually retaining slavery as a legal institution does seem to be settled, so even the original purpose has been erased for this un-representative stratagem devised centuries ago by pro-slavery partisans.

Furthermore, this fatally-flawed system completely disenfranchised me (along with millions of other Americans) last November. I did not vote for the candidate who ultimately gathered 270 Electoral College votes, so my vote for US President did NOT count for anything at all! The Presidential Election of 2024 was the most important election of my life, but I could just as well have gone fishing instead of trudging off to my polling place.

And, in fact, five times in the history of our country, the Presidential candidate who won the most popular votes did not take office, because an opponent with fewer citizens' votes managed to win a majority in the roundabout Electoral College. Is that the American Dream? Is that what North Dakota stands for?

Instead of selecting our President via a cynically-motivated, abstruse procedure, we should simply, and transparently, elect the candidate who wins the most votes.

Members of the Committee, I earnestly urge you to recommend "Do Not Pass" on SCR 4013.

Thank you for your consideration,
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