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TO: All Republican Senators
FROM: Senator Richard Alloway II *Rich*
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship Memo – National Popular Vote
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In the near future, I will be introducing legislation authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the agreement among the states to elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote (NPV). National Popular Vote (NPV) has been introduced in more than 40 states, and adopted by seven (7) and the District of Columbia.

The National Popular Vote (NPV) plan proposes an interstate compact to bring about a direct election of the president of the United States. States that join the compact would agree to cast their electoral votes for the winner of the national popular vote for president. The compact would become valid once the states with a majority of presidential electors sign on.

Throughout history, four Presidents' were elected to office without receiving a majority of the popular vote.

I have drafted legislation that would award Pennsylvania's Electoral Votes to the popular vote winner in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. This does not require a change to our Constitution, at the U.S. Constitution very clearly gives states the ability to award their Electoral Votes in any manner they choose. This is, in my view, consistent with the states rights doctrine.

Vermont, Hawaii, Washington, Illinois, New Jersey, Maryland, Massachusetts, and the District of Columbia have already enacted the bill which would award a state's electoral votes to the winner of the overall popular vote in 50 states. When states totaling 270 electoral votes pass the legislation, National Popular Vote (NPV) will award a majority of electoral votes to the candidate who wins the most popular votes in all fifty states guaranteeing the presidency.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Melissa Knepper at mknepper@pasen.gov or by phone at 772-2929.