

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 25, 2013

The Honorable Tom Corbett
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
508 E-floor Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Corbett,

We are writing to inform you of our strong opposition to Senate Bill 538, the Electoral College reapportionment bill, and to urge you to speak out against it.

Enactment of this legislation would cause serious and unnecessary harm to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. By making Pennsylvania one of the only states to award its electoral votes proportionally – and the only one of significant size to do so – the bill would have the effect of reducing the number of Pennsylvania electoral votes that candidates can realistically expect to be in play from 20 to three or four, taking the state from one of the most prized in the Electoral College to one of the least important.

Needless to say, such a change would substantially reduce the impact that Pennsylvania's citizens would have in elections for President of the United States. We are confident that Pennsylvania's voters would be shocked and angry if our Governor and state legislators enacted legislation that, like S.B. 538, essentially eliminated our impact on Presidential elections.

Moreover, as elected officials, our first responsibility is to represent our constituents and our state, not narrow special interests – and yet, such a change would also significantly reduce the ability of Pennsylvania's Governor and its Congressional delegation to advocate for the Commonwealth's interests in Washington.

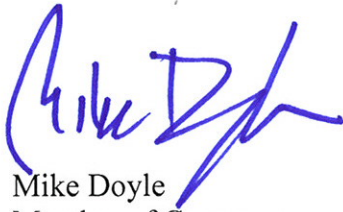
Because this legislation would drastically shrink the influence that both Pennsylvania's voters and their elected representatives have on the Federal Government's decisions, we believe that enactment of S.B. 538 is not in the best interests of the residents of Pennsylvania – and that support for this legislation constitutes a gross betrayal of all Pennsylvanians.

In addition, broadcasters, printers, hotels, and restaurants – to name just a few industries – derive significant revenue every four years from activity related to Presidential elections. Consequently, changing the way Pennsylvania chooses its Electors from the current “winner take all system” used by most states to a system using proportional representation would mean the loss of millions of dollars in economic activity related to presidential campaigns and candidate and media visits to the Commonwealth.

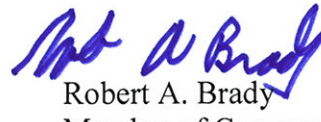
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Given Senate Bill 538's potential to do such damage to our state, we strongly urge you to oppose S.B. 538, to express your opposition publicly, and to work actively against its enactment.

Sincerely,



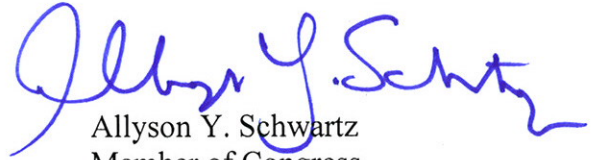
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