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Rep. Gary Hebl Teams Up with League of Women Voters to Talk National Popular Vote

(MADISON) – On Wednesday, May 12, State Representative Gary Hebl talked with the League of Women Voters about the National Popular Vote.

Rep. Hebl’s role was to give an update on legislation ([Assembly Bill 246](#)) he introduced that would add Wisconsin to the National Popular Vote Compact.

“While we will have to wait to see if the majority party will give the National Popular Vote a public hearing or vote on the floor, it was encouraging to have such an engaging discussion with the League of Women Voters on the issue. I am glad to see so many people with the same passion for democracy and fair voting laws that I have. I look forward to future productive discussions about the National Popular Vote.”

Under the current system, the Electoral College encourages candidates for President ignoring the majority of states. Because the outcome in most states is a foregone conclusion, candidates tend to only visit and pay attention to the needs of about 12 swing states each cycle.

“Because the National Popular Vote equalizes the value of votes throughout the country, candidates would be forced to find votes wherever they can collect them- thus ensuring that they will be listening to the needs of a broader coalition than the narrower groups they have traditionally focused on,” Hebl said.

Indeed, 6 million Trump voters in California and 5.2 million Biden voters in Texas essentially had their votes thrown out. The Electoral College is set up in such a way that these votes counted for nothing. National Popular Vote will correct this, and change presidential elections to the most basic democratic principle: one person, one vote.

“The National Popular Vote is clearly the most sensible, democratic solution to ensure that the President of the United States truly represents the will of a majority of Americans. I’d like to thank the League of Women Voters and Eileen Reavey from National Popular Vote for hosting such a great event.”

The entire presentation can be viewed on the League of Women Voters [YouTube page](#).

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