

NSEA SUPPORT FOR AB186

Date: February 26, 2019

To: Assembly Legislative Operations and Elections

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 186 – Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote

The Nevada State Education Association represents teachers and education support professionals across the state. We believe every Nevada student deserves a high-quality public education.

NSEA supports Assembly Bill 186, enacting the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

NSEA supports AB186 to join Agreement Among the States, because as educators we teach our students that everyone matters equally. We ask our students to use their voices and to build their own agency, and we believe that our politics and political system should follow the basic tenet of one person, one vote. AB186 is an extension of historic efforts for greater democracy and political equality experienced in the women's suffrage and civil rights movements.

Most first graders know that the President of the United States is the most important office in the land. From the power to impact federal legislation to command the armed forces to appointments in the judiciary and federal Departments, the President of the United States has significant and lasting impacts on the lives of educators, our students, and communities, while positions like the Secretary of Education affects what happens in our classrooms and at our school sites. It is critical that the presidency genuinely reflect the majority of people in the country.