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## SECRETARY MERRILL TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE

WHO: Secretary of the State Denise Merrill

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 10 a.m.**

WHERE: Government Administration and Elections Committee Public Hearing,  
Room 2A of the LOB

Secretary Merrill said, “For the second time in five presidential contests, the candidate for president who won the most votes lost the election. That doesn’t make sense to citizens who cast their ballots. It also does little to bolster faith in the process and encourage participation.

“My support for the National Popular Vote is rooted in the fundamental democratic principle of one person, one vote. Our electoral process is complicated enough. The outcome should be simple: the person with the most votes should win. That is not what is happening now.”