

Hello,

I'm writing regarding HB 2927 relating to fixing the Electoral College so that the candidate receiving the most popular votes in all 50 states (and DC) becomes President.

In this era of close presidential elections, undemocratic outcomes will happen again if these state laws are not changed. The average margin in the national popular vote has been only 5% since 1988. Current state winner-take-all laws create another problem in every presidential election. The vast majority of Americans get ignored because candidates only campaign in a handful of closely divided "battleground" states. Candidates write off states where they are hopelessly behind. They take for granted states where they are safely ahead. There were 399 campaign events in the 2016 general-election campaign, but:

- Over half (57%) of the events were held in just 4 states (Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Ohio).
- Virtually all (94%) of the events were in just 12 states (containing only 30% of the country's population).

The idea of electing the President by a national popular vote in all the states is a good idea. Candidates never campaign in Oregon because everyone knows the outcome in advance. If every vote in Oregon mattered, candidates would have to pay attention to us.

Let's make HB 2927 a reality in Oregon!

Yours truly,

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