I write to express my wholehearted support for the National Popular Vote bill. The Electoral College system is broken. It was devised for another time, a time before mass communication and unending presidential campaigns, a time when the only way for a democratic political system to come into being was to cling on to a shred of the oligarchy that preceded it.

We have moved beyond this time, as we have moved beyond the legal status of women and African Americans as virtual or literal non-persons, non-citizens.

The winner of the national popular vote should, by definition, be elected president of the United States. Any other outcome is a farce. And this has been my position for decades--well before 2000, let alone the travesty of 2016, when the Electoral College anointed a candidate who won 3 million votes less than his nearest opponent and this nation became an international laughing-stock.

Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration. I deeply wish I could attend one of the meetings in Salem or Portland, but because of work, I cannot.

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