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I am writing to urge the committee to support HB 2927, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

This should not be a partisan issue. It is a matter of fairness for all of us as Americans. It is an issue of making every vote count in our presidential elections.

The electoral college, as it now stands, is a gerrymandered system for choosing our president. If you are a Republican voter in Oregon, or New York, or Massachusetts, or California, your vote for president every four years may as well be torn up and thrown away. It doesn't count. Likewise if you are a Democratic voter in Texas, or Mississippi, or Utah, or Alabama.

If you can think of a better way than the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact to ensure that every will count, please propose it. I will support you.

But if you try to maintain that every vote does count in our current method for electing a president, history has proven, and will continue to prove you wrong again and again and again.

This is a very serious matter. The validity of our votes is at the heart of our democracy.

Thank you.