

Re: HR 2927 National Popular Vote Interstate Compact
Strong Support

Dear Chairwoman Williamson and Committee Members:

I am writing to ask for your support to pass HR 2927 for Oregon to join the NPVIC. I believe it is time for the United States to elect a president where the vote of every citizen counts equally.

The argument that the NPVIC is unconstitutional is incorrect. The Constitution affords states the ability to form compacts.

The argument that the NPVIC eliminates the Electoral College is incorrect. The NPVIC preserves the Electoral College. Even the purpose of the EC for electors to be the final arbiters of the fitness of the candidate for office of president, or to prevent foreign influence in the election of the president, is preserved.

The argument that the NPVIC abridges the purpose of the Electoral College is incorrect. The current state laws that the winner of the state takes all the electoral votes is not in the Constitution. This was a construct developed by the states in the early 1800's. The Constitution instructs the states to determine how to apportion their electoral votes; the Constitution does not instruct the states how to do it.

The argument that the NPVIC will disenfranchise voters from small states I believe is specious. It is well known that our current system disenfranchises voters who are not in "swing states". The "swing states" currently get all the attention from the candidates, and get more federal money than the remaining states.

Whether people live in urban, suburban, or rural settings; whether they live in a state with a large population or small; no matter what region of the country a citizen lives in; no matter the party affiliation or lack thereof of each voter, it is time for each and every vote to count equally.

This does not disenfranchise anyone, in fact it gives equal franchise to everyone, something that does not exist under our current system.

Thank you for your work, and please support the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Sincerely,

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