

- Dear Rep. Jennifer Williamson, Chair; Rep. Mike McLane and Rep. Dan Rayfield, Vice- Chairs; and
- Rep. Greg Barreto, Rep. Jodi Hack, Rep. Paul Holvey, Rep. Bill Kennemer, Rep. Rob Nosse, Rep. Barbara Smith Warner:

Thank You for your time to read and consider my statement :

I am urging you to vote in favor of HB 2927, the results of the 2017 elections should be enough rationale for Oregon to join other states in passing a bill to adopt the National Popular Vote. AND, 2017 was not an anomaly- this also happened in the Bush- Gore election in 2000, as well as other past elections.

Our current election process is actually election by the 12 big states: candidates focus their time, energy and resources on the states with the most electoral votes, because they know if they can influence the vote in those states, the winner takes all and they can win the election without considering the need and issues of states like Oregon, with fewer electoral votes.

Oregon and other smaller states need an equal playing ground that can happen only with election by popular vote that is why we elect you as Oregon Representatives and our Oregon Senators. With the National Popular Vote in place, Oregon votes will matter as much as votes in other states or cities with a population of four million.

I am a life-long voter and I believe it is not only my right to vote, but also a responsibility because my vote matters- but that is only true if we have a National Popular Vote, otherwise I may as well not vote in national elections.

Thank You and again, please vote for the National Popular Vote, HB 2927!

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