

Dear committee members,

I have studied the provisions of HB 2927 and I strongly support this proposal to enroll Oregon in the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Twice in the past four U.S. presidential elections, the candidate receiving the majority of the popular vote has not been allowed to serve as president, due to the outmoded rules governing the electoral college. The framers of our constitution would not have approved of this outcome that contradicts the will of individual voters across the nation.

The current system discourages voter turnout in states that tilt toward one candidate or the other, as voters in the minority believe their votes will be useless. Furthermore, the presidential candidates limit their campaigning to a few "swing" states whose voters play an inordinate role in determining the outcome.

The interstate compact would change that, making each person's vote as meaningful as any other person's. Even President Trump, who benefited from the current skewed system, reiterated after the election that he supports determining the presidency by "single votes."

I urge you to approve HB 2927 so that Oregon can align itself with other states that have taken this sensible approach to preserving our democracy.

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