

Dear Legislators,

Thank you for your service to Oregon and for your dedication to upholding the American values of justice and equality.

My name is Lisa Rocha-Arana and I live in Salem, OR (255 Culver Lane S.) My wife and I recently purchased our first home and we are setting down roots here as dedicated members of the Salem community - a community that we have grown to love dearly.

I have become involved with the Marion County Democrats and I volunteered for the Hillary Clinton Campaign. When I called registered voters to urge them to cast their ballots, I encouraged voters to make their voices heard. I have reached out to Democrats, Republicans alike in political environments, certainly, but also in daily life through friendships and acquaintances. Some people have told me that they don't vote because they don't believe that it can really make a difference. I have always encouraged disenfranchised voters to please cast their ballot, (even when the voter is likely to vote in ways that I am not in alignment with) because I fully support our democratic republic and I value our right, as citizens to elect our representatives in all levels of government. When I have met people who think the elections are "rigged" or contend that one vote cannot possibly make a difference, I would often persist in emphasizing that every vote matters and that every person has the right to express their views through voting.

Unfortunately, with this last Presidential election where Hillary Clinton won the popular vote

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yet, lost the Election due to the Electoral College, I found that I had essentially lied to these voters. It is a terrible feeling to think that some of these voters - (many who are young, first-time voters) may be giving up on the voting process and may feel even more justified in doing so after this last election.

Please vote in favor of HB 2927. Please ensure that each and every person has a true voice that is heard and counted through their vote.

Sincerely,
Lisa Rocha-Arana