

Dear Members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

My name is Deborah Patterson, and I live at 3222 Sunridge Drive S, Salem, OR 97302.

"We hold these truths to be self evident: that all men are created equal..." said Thomas Jefferson, but under the current Presidential electoral process, we are not afforded equal treatment. Oregon is neglected in Presidential campaigns, and neglected by Presidents between campaigns in favor of key battleground states, such as Florida and Iowa.

I can't help but think that the Malheur Wildlife Refuge Standoff would have been settled more quickly had this been in a state that Presidents need to impress. And what if (when?) we have an earthquake here - will a suffering Oregon be worth the photo op for a "campaigning for re-election" President? Will we be worth the investment of funds for emergency response?

All Americans in this country deserve an equal vote for President, just like they have equal votes for all other elected officials. The National Public Vote would make this possible.

I urge you to vote in support of HB 2927. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Deborah Patterson