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Dear Chair Williamson and members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 2927, and urge your support for this important Bill. Adopting the National Popular Vote Compact in Oregon is an essential step in giving all voters in our country an equal voice in electing our President. In the past election, the person who is now President received almost 3 million less votes than his opponent. In virtually every other democracy in the world, his opponent would now be our President.

Adoption of the National Popular Vote Compact by Oregon would add our 7 electoral votes to the total of 270 needed to elect our President by the popular vote of all US citizens. It would remove the boundary lines between states as they effect elections and presidential candidates would be much more likely to campaign in Oregon.

The history of the Electoral College, which is currently responsible for ultimately selecting our President, is rooted in slavery and the desire of our founders to give the slaveholding states more power in electing the President. It is an archaic and undemocratic system. Adopting the National Popular Vote Compact by a sufficient number of states would ensure we have a President who receives the most votes.

Please see the attached documents. One is an editorial from the NY Times and the other a brief article from Time Magazine on the history of the Electoral College.

Thank you,

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