

To Whom it May Concern,

I may not be able to attend the hearing this Tuesday, March 14th regarding the National Popular Vote Interstate Contract, bill HB2927, and wanted my testimony included on this very important issue.

My name is Elora Cospers. I live at 3525 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, Portland Oregon, 97222, in Multnomah County.

I am writing to urge your committee to vote YES on HB2927.

For far too long our electoral process has been broken. This is reflected not only in the outcome of two recent elections (and three more in the past), with a president that did not win the popular vote, and therefore mis-representing the majority will of American citizens, but also because the campaign process narrows the focus to just a few states, while it ignores the needs and attentions of all other states, including Oregon. No other electoral process in our country is conducted this way.

By voting YES on HB2927 you move us closer to empowering the National Popular Vote Interstate Contract, and to eliminating the disenfranchisement of "Battle Ground States," truly creating a political landscape where every, single vote counts. Additionally, and just as importantly, it forces our presidential candidates to campaign in all states, in Oregon, and keeps the focus on all states for the rest of their term. A small number of states should not dictate the needs of all, not during the election, and not after.

During these contentious political times, the fact that the NPVIC has bi-partisan support, with 70% of American's in support of the National Popular Vote is indicative of our country's desire for a more equitable election process.

I urge you again, please vote YES on HB2927 and include Oregon in the NPVIC, moving us closer to ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE.

I thank you for your time and consideration.  
Elora Cospers

If the young are not initiated into the village, they will burn it down just to feel its warmth.  
- African Proverb