

Dear Oregon State Legislators:

I am a resident of Salem, OR, House District 20, and I am writing to vote my support for HB 2927.

Our current electoral college system is unfair and broken, giving too much power and influence to so-called 'battleground' states. Currently, policies important to the citizens of non-battleground states are not as highly prioritized as policies important to 'battleground' states.

"Battleground" states receive 7% more presidentially controlled grants than "spectator" states, twice as many presidential disaster declarations, more Superfund enforcement exemptions, and more No Child Left Behind law exemptions.

The electoral college is blatantly unfair to voters in more populated states. For example, California has a population of 38,800,000 and 55 electoral college votes; whereas Wyoming has a population of 584,153 and 3 electoral college votes. It takes 705,454 Californians to equal 1 electoral vote, and only 194,717 Wyomingites to equal 1 electoral vote. This makes every vote from Wyoming worth 362% more than each vote from California is worth. Each resident of the United States should have the same voting power. Voting in favor of this interstate compact will move us from a republic to a true democracy.

A National Popular Vote would ensure that as Oregonians, our votes, wants, and needs are weighted equally to those of 'battleground' states.

Please vote in favor of HB 2927.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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