

Dear Committee Member,

My name is Jon Linthwaite of Silverton, OR. I am writing in support of HB 2927, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) Bill. The electoral college was incorporated into the American Constitution in order to help preserve the institution of slavery in the south. Its publicly stated reason was also to act as a final check on the masses of voters who may be swayed by an unfit leader who uses the techniques that Khrushchev referred to as the "cult of personality" to rise to power. While this may have once upon a time been a viable system that acted as a fail safe against such would be tyrants, it is clear with the 2016 election that over time the individual state legislatures have erased that final check. The electoral college no longer is structured nationally to fulfill its role as a check on demagoguery and instead has left us with only the despicable pro slavery tenants of granting a greater an ultimately unequal amount of representation to rural populations. Oregon needs to stop supporting such an antiquated system that ensures no presidential candidates will care about the interests of our state and its voters. 1 person, 1 vote! I strongly urge you to support HB 2927.

Sincerely,

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