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Rep. Jennifer Williamson and
Members of the House Rules Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

SUBJECT: HB 2927 (National Popular Vote)

Dear Chairwoman Williamson and Members of the House Rules Committee:

Thank you for taking the time to conduct a hearing for HB 2927!

That the U.S. Constitution is the first written document of its kind on the planet is both an honor and a burden. The founders saw fit that the document remain relevant by providing a means of amending it by future representatives of the U.S. citizenry!

On September 17, 1787, the Constitution was signed after ratification by the necessary nine out of 13 U.S. states. The mere fact that only 9 states were required to ratify, speaks volumes of how the demands upon the constitution have increased with time, but also how a few states can make a difference.

Obviously the parchment has faded and so too have some clauses declared relevant at inception. While the Electoral College was a necessary logistical means of tabulating votes during the days of horse and buggy, the mechanism is now both dated and effective only in denying the will of the majority. As proven by the 2016 national election for president, one could reasonably argue, there exists at least one worse condition than a tyranny of the majority, that being a tyranny of the minority!

As reflected in spirit of those limited quantity of states ratifying our national Constitution, please provide Oregon a historic means to guide greater national Democratization. By supporting the will of the majority in national Presidential elections, your historic vote for HB 2927 will be a vote to exercise our state's right to demand greater Democracy!

Thank You Again!

Best Regards,


Stephen Keller