

To whom it may concern:

I am one of the fifty-four percent of Americans who believes that the United States should move to a popular vote system, and the best way to do this is by joining the National Popular Vote Compact. I support this for several reasons. First off, state boundaries are arbitrary and arguably archaic, and they don't particularly represent regions at all. Secondly, the electoral college grants 2 senate votes to each state, despite their extreme population disparities. Third, the electoral college consistently favors republicans, and incentives them to make policy decisions that are not necessarily supported by a majority of Americans. Fourth, it is simply undemocratic. Fifth, it is old-fashioned and has a horrifying past. Sixth, it utterly erases margins within a state. For example, Texas voted for President Trump by a 9.2 percent margin, whereas California voted for Secretary Clinton by a 28.8 percent margin, yet those disparities are not reflected by the electoral college. Finally, the electoral college essentially makes the campaign about a small handful of swing voters in a small handful of swing states, rather than about all Americans. Republicans in Oregon get their voices ignored. Democrats in Kentucky get their voices ignored. Moreover, the votes of members of the majority party in each state are taken for granted, and they are not paid the heed and respect that they deserve.

Therefore, I implore you to support House Bull 2927 to give Oregon voters the voice they deserve, to support the majority of Americans, and to support a more democratic system of elections.

Thank you,  
Patrick Spence