

My name is Elora Cospers. I am a constituent of Multnomah County. I am an engaged, active citizen and invested participant of our political process.

I am writing to urge you to pass this year's bill for the National Popular Vote Interstate Contract, HB2927 and let it move to the Senate floor.

Do not let one more Presidential election cycle contest the will of the people. With two electoral outcomes in the last 16 years having gone against the majority vote of the nation, we are no longer living in what can be called an effective democracy.

That the electoral college system discounts a majority of the United States, both during and after the election cycle and effectively disenfranchises the entire process. It is this type of political atrophy that verifies for so many men and women that their voices do not count, that the system is broken. When we lose faith in the systems that are supposed to represent the will of the people, people stop participating. At a time when we need all the political engagement we can muster, please do not give one single person the reason to stop voting. Let's energize our beautiful state and nation by encouraging the reformation of the Presidential election process.

I plead with you, I know there are many valuable bills commanding your attention, and it may not seem as pressing as others this year, but we need to take advantage of the momentum this movement has now. We at the National Popular Vote - Oregon have heard repeatedly that HB2927 has garnered more calls and emails to Oregon Reps and Senators than any other issue in recent history. Doesn't that indicate something significant?

We have done our part in advocating for this bill. We have formed a grass roots organization (National Popular Vote - Oregon), joined a national movement, drawn together democrats and republicans from all corners of the state. We have held educational forums and rallies. We have made calls, sent emails, and hosted post card writing events. We have met with our Representatives and Senators. We have spoke to aides, lobbyists and consulted with our national partners. We have attended a hearing, written articles to our newspapers, printed t-shirts, handed out literature and held endless meetings and conversations all in support of this bill. We know that the National Popular Vote has continuously ranked high in state wide polls of having bi-partisan support. We have shown up, en masse, and now it is time for you to do your part, moving this to a vote, and voting yes!

I thank you for your time and consideration of this very important issue.

Respectfully,  
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National Popular Vote - Oregon

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