

Hello,

As a citizen of Oregon I fully support joining the National Popular Vote compact. I am fully aware of the history of the Electoral College, especially its intent to protect the rights of less populous states from the tyranny of the majority. But I am also fully aware of the failings of the Electoral College in a modern, campaign-centric political world in which nearly all of the campaign time and effort is focused on just a few swing states. The votes of Oregonians don't much matter in such a system.

Further, the Electoral College was meant to create a buffer between the voters and the selection of the President so that those with more time and focus could fully understand the people being elected and any possible foreign influence on those candidates. Since the so-called faithless electors have been vanishingly rare, not only recently, but throughout the history of the United States, this purpose of the Electoral College has never been realized.

Given such failures and the repeated failures of Congress to pass an amendment to the Constitution removing the Electoral College, it falls to the states to take the needed action to ensure that every citizen's vote counts.

Thank you,

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