

Dear committee,

I am a citizen of Oregon and vehemently oppose a popular vote for President. The overwhelming evidence that I offer is the state of Oregon. We elect statewide officials by popular vote yet the campaigning and implementation of the offices largely represent the populated areas, namely those that live within 20 miles of the Willamette River. Similarly we elect our legislatures based on population. It only takes a cursory look at the areas of Oregon that are east of the cascade range to see that people that are not conversant in their problems yet they do not have sufficient representation to prevent representatives from Portland from passing laws that negatively affect their farm and ranching operations. A popular vote is a bad idea and I oppose it.

Regards,

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