

Dear committee members,

I strongly support HB 2927 and the proposal to enroll Oregon in the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Twice in the past four U.S. presidential elections, the candidate receiving the majority of the popular vote has not been allowed to serve as president, due to the outmoded rules governing the electoral college. The framers of our constitution would not have approved of this outcome that contradicts the collective will of voters across the nation.

The current system discourages voter turnout in states that tilt toward one candidate or the other, as voters in the minority believe their votes will be useless. Furthermore, the presidential candidates limit their campaigning to a few "swing" states whose voters play an inordinate role in determining the outcome. The interstate compact would change that, making each person's vote as meaningful as any other person's.

I urge you to approve HB 2927 quickly so that this sensible measure can move to the whole House for consideration.

Thank you.

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