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RE: Yes on HB 2927

Honorable Committee Members,

I totally support passage of this bill. I believe the positives vastly outweigh the risks at this point in time. It is time our country join the other enlightened countries where each vote counts. Our electoral system was appropriate for a time in our country's history when many people were un-educated, and for other reasons. However, we now all should be able to vote reasonably, and each vote should count.

Now that some states with vastly lower populations can outweigh, in electoral votes, states with vastly more people (like California), our electoral system is proving to deny the significance of the votes of the more populated states. We must do something to change this. The risk of Oregon's votes some day not counting as much is insignificant to the risk of the greater populations votes not counting due to electoral votes in small population states.

This bill will help us join the movement to get around the electoral system, since getting a change in the U. S. Constitution is virtually impossible.

Sincerely,

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