

Dear members of the house and senate,

I write you today to express my concern about the bill you have before you. This bill proposes to impose a popular vote on Oregonians and eventually the entire country. This will not only shake the foundation of our country as a whole but also disenfranchise people in less populated states and areas. Oregon is one of these less populated states. Voting for this bill is equivalent to eroding the states sovereignty. It will take any power Oregon has on a national level and give it to larger states like California, New York, or Texas. It destroys the balance of power that the founding fathers fought and worked so hard to achieve. Can you honestly say people on the East Coast know what is best for people on the West Coast or Middle America? Can you say that people in California know what is best for people in Oregon? Moving to a National Popular Vote will incentivize politicians to appeal to large population areas instead of requiring them to appeal to a wider electorate. I am sure you have made up your mind along party lines and out of anger or disappointment in our last election. That few of you will care about the many voices that ask you to vote no on this bill that will be drowned out by the louder voices. I urge you to think about the reasons why the system was built the way it was, how it has stood the test of time and attack, and what it will truly mean to change it not just for those loud voice but for those quiet voices too. A no vote on HB2927 / SB 825 is a yes vote for good governance.

Thank you for your time,

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