

I wanted to provide testimony in Salem on the 21st, but I am currently traveling in Pennsylvania on a business trip. Consequently, the purpose of this message is to submit the attached analysis that clearly shows that SB 834 and HB 2927 potentially enacting an Interstate Compact for agreement among the States to elect the president by national popular vote is absolutely flawed and wrong. Subsequently, I strongly encourage you to be responsible and accurate thinking individuals and reject SB 834 and HB 2927. To do otherwise would be absolutely wrong and a violation of our nation's foundational principles.

Supporters of the Interstate Compact would like the American public to believe the objective behind assigning a State's electoral votes to the presidential candidate capturing the majority of the popular vote will result in prospective candidates putting forth more campaign efforts in the non-battleground states. That is the furthest thing from the truth. The attached clearly shows that if a presidential candidate carries the top nine largest states and captures 51% of those State's eligible votes thereby securing the popular vote, that candidate could lose the remaining 41 States and The District of Columbia but still seize the electoral college votes from those States participating in the Interstate Compact thereby being elected on the basis of mob rule. I hate to think of the increased polarization that will occur and the civil unrest that will result from mob rule if this absurd proposal continues to garner more support from the inaccurate thinking socialist left.

I strongly suggest the members of the Senate Committee on Rules reacquaint themselves with the US Constitution and the foundational principles the Founding Fathers believed in when the USA became a nation. We have a system of checks and balances to avoid the concentration of power and mob rule. Remember, the United States is a Constitutional Republic; the United States is not a democracy with democracy being defined as the majority rules.

If the Senate Committee on Rules is truly interested in fairness and not mob rule and inclined to have every Oregon electoral college vote be based on how Oregon voters vote as opposed to the winner take all rule we have today, I will offer a suggestion. I suggest that the electoral college votes assigned to Oregon's five House Districts be awarded to the presidential candidate that carries the popular vote in each US House of Representative District, and the two electoral college votes associated with Oregon's US Senator positions be awarded to the presidential candidate who wins the Oregon popular vote. That would be very fair and would ultimately result in presidential candidates putting forth more time and effort to secure Oregon's electoral college votes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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