

The National Popular Vote movement is a grassroots effort--we are not rich business people, we are not professional, paid lobbyists--we are people who believe in other people, and think all of our votes should count equally.

If 825 passes it will invite outside interests who have a lot of money (and who may not even be from Oregon!) to spend big money on opposing campaigns and things average people--the people behind HB 2927--can't afford. Those of us fighting for NPV are not getting paid to do it--we passionately believe it is the right thing for America.

Voter apathy is very real. When asked why people don't vote, the biggest reason given is that "My vote doesn't count." The Electoral College is an outdated system that most people don't even understand. American children are taught that "all people are created equal" and then grow up to find out that in reality, someone in Wyoming counts 3 times as much as someone in Oregon, because of a system that was set up partially in deference to slavery.

We are told that the individual Electors are to be trusted to prevent the election of someone unsuitable, who may be controlled by another nation. But in 2016, our Electors refused to exercise that power. They didn't want to risk sanction by voting against their political party. We can't count on them to do their jobs.

We should give every vote equal weight. Our most recent presidential election went overwhelmingly to the "other" candidates. Now look at the state of politics. We are in the middle of a political crisis due to the Electoral College system--and the voters knew better. What's happening now is not the will of the people.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

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