

Dear Senators,

Although I'm unable to attend the public hearing today regarding HB2927 and SB825 to say so in person, I would like to strongly urge the Oregon legislature **to pass HB2927** as is, and to **not pass SB 825**. I propose three reasons in favor of this position:

1. The President should be representative of all people of the United States and it is time we adopt the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact so one person = one vote. I would like my vote to count as much as any other voting individual in any other state - rather than votes in swing states counting more than mine.
2. I believe that the National Popular Vote interstate compact, if ratified, has the potential to drastically improve voter turnout. Voters in states such as OR that are heavily favored for one of the two major parties, are even more disengaged from the presidential electoral process because the winner-take-all statutes, in effect, waste our votes. Having 1 vote = 1 person count across the nation for the Presidential election will help to galvanize civic engagement in a positive way. This will also encourage presidential campaigns to spend more effort addressing issues particular to all states, rather than just battleground states, further engaging voters to actually use our one vote.
3. The constitution grants state legislatures the responsibility of determining how our electors vote in the electoral college. It is in all of your hands to have Oregon help lead the way, away from statewide-winner-take-all towards election by a national popular vote. I urge you to not support SB 825, as it abdicates this constitutional responsibility of the legislature in favor of referring the issue to the voters.

Thank you for your consideration and service,

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