Members of the Senate Rules Committee:

Please pass the National Popular Vote proposal to the Senate Floor for a vote, and without amending it.

The Electoral College made sense in the era before instant communication, but electronic communication systems have made it obsolete and an impediment to true democracy. Since making the Electoral College go away would be very difficult, the National Popular Vote idea is the next best solution. Please move it forward. Thank you.

Sincerely, Erica R. Bolliger

"The people who cast the votes decide nothing. The people who count the votes decide everything." \sim Josef Stalin

EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF FASCISM

- 1. Powerful and continuing nationalism
- 2. Disdain for human rights
- 3. Identification of enemies as a unifying cause
- 4. Supremacy of the military
- 5. Rampant sexism
- 6. Controlled mass media
- 7. Obsession with national security
- 8. Religion and government intertwined
- 9. Corporate power protected
- 10. Labor power suppressed
- 11. Disdain for intellectuals and the arts
- 12. Obsession with crime and punishment
- 13. Rampant cronvism and corruption
- 14. Fraudulent elections

[editorial: leaders typically have a giant chip on their shoulder about "not being enough" (e.g., small stature, from wrong side of the tracks)]

--By Laurence W. Britt, a result of his research of 7 fascist regimes

[&]quot;Facism should be more properly be called Corporatism since it is the merger of state and corporate power." ~ Benito Mussolini