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Senate Rules Committee
OR

Dear Committee,

I've watched the 2000 election decided by the Supreme Court even with strong suspicion that the candidate who won had help from his brother, the governor of Florida---the deciding 'vote' when one Bush won with the help of another

I've watched the 2016 election stolen, possibly with the help of a foreign government, or hired hackers. And I'm watching the cover-up, denial and shenanigans as this drags on and on to an uncertain conclusion....yet tech experts and the Association of Secretary of States, Homeland Security, Congress and then-President Obama knew that there was tampering as early as July 2016.

Also in the 2016 election, there was much confusion and activism around the electoral college from the Sanders' campaign, with some delegates being threatened, coerced, stalked.

I'm in favor of using the popular vote, because in both cases, that would've solved the problem if in effect on the national level. The delegate system is linked to the the 2-party system, which is more and more untenable. It undermines and negates the vote of the people. I like the idea of living in a democracy.

Underlying the ridiculous notion of the Electoral College is the national composition at the time the idea was born: a time when women had no vote, nor did enslaved Africans, Native Americans, Chinese, any number of other immigrants have a vote. There's a fear of non-whites and a fear of democracy built into the Constitution, and writings of the forefathers prove it. The electoral college was just one 'cushion'

AGAINST the will of the people put in place to 'protect' us from the passions of the common citizens, from upstart revolutionaries, disenchanted new generations coming up....and in the end, from democracy itself. The system is literally built to protect the status quo, to allow an oligarchy or ruling class--which is what we now have.

I've read that 10 states are on board with ditching the electoral college system and going with the popular vote. I think that's a good plan. Next, we need trackable, traceable voting technology so no one can steal another election out from under us. It's killing this country.

Sincerely,

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