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Senate Rules Committee
OR

Dear Committee,

Dear Oregon Senate,

My name is Sandy Fox and I live in Damascus, Oregon. At age 74, I am fully retired and on fixed income. Never before in my lifetime has there been a more important need for the national popular vote, making every citizen's vote actually count in the grand total of a presidential election. We desperately need to increase voter turnout and I think many people do not participate because they feel that their vote doesn't really count in the way that the electoral college is set up. In today's world with instant communication and the ability to involve as many legal voters as possible, it is imperative that we add our seven votes to the others so that we can reach the 270 total to put this into action.

And, I might add, since the Russian hacking into our elections, all states in our country should do what Oregon does...have ballots to mail in or use the handy drop-off boxes in each county (printed on the voters' pamphlets) so there is always a paper trail for verification.

As a consequence, we have no issues with work, weather, illness, kids, conflicts on voting day, long lines, running out of ballots, gerryminded or malfunctioning voting machines or being away for business, pleasure, education or the military as long as voters have registered properly. I think the country of Iceland does the same as us; they sent all their voting machines to a recycling center!

Now that Gov. Brown has the DMV registration protocol in place, it sure would be nice to vote by computer... every state has so-many counties:

alphabetically assign a number to each county; we each have a voter number assigned to us; each county puts the ballot issues and candidates on-line and we would fill in our choices and then, when ready, send our ballots straight to our own elections office. Think of the money saved in printing, postage and handling! We can go to the moon, live in space, pay our bills on-line, check and correct our checking and savings accounts, secure our homes and businesses all on-line ... but we cannot vote on-line?! Give me a Break!

Sincerely,

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