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Senate Rules Committee
OR

Dear Committee,

My name is Andrea Wyckoff, I live in Eugene, OR 97405, and I am writing to express my support for HB 2927, the National Popular Vote bill. As we have found out in recent elections, the Electoral College is a seriously-flawed system in terms of electing a president that actually reflects the will of the American people. Twice in this still-young century, a president has come to power without winning the popular vote, and twice this has had far-reaching and sometimes disastrous results for the rank and file of citizens. And given the power of one particular party to gerrymander state districts to skew the vote in their favor nationwide, what other choice do we have to try to recalibrate the balance of power?

Four times this NPV bill has passed the Oregon House, and three times it has been derailed in the Senate. I have written to my state Senator very recently, asking him WHY this keeps happening, and I have not received any reply that actually gives me a satisfactory explanation.

So now I say to you all: It's time to give this a chance. Please pass it clean and unamended, with NO "referral to voters" (which would just be mangled to defeat by out-of-state big-money interests, like everything else of value that we try to enact for the good of Oregon citizens e.g., Measure 97), nor any other partisan tweak that seeks to divert it from its original purpose or effectiveness.

This bill is SUPPOSED to have bipartisan support nationwide so WHAT is the big hang-up here?

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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