

Dear Senators,

I support Oregon entering the NPVIC to revise how we apportion our electors to the Electoral College in presidential elections.

I am most concerned by the arguments I hear from Oregon's young voters that their vote is thoughtfully cast but wasted, because the majority candidate they choose will lose in the Electoral College. Who can blame them?

And who does this serve today? I think it's the political party with less overall support nationally, a non-democratic outcome Oregon should not enable. Due to Oregon voting mostly Democratic in every general election we remain at the bottom of the list in federal benefits. For this reason I am deeply concerned about our precarious position with the risk of a serious earthquake in our state; because we are not a swing state, it is proven we get less in assistance.

For the current Democratic caucus (majority) in the Oregon Senate to ignore the strong support of this reform in the base is most worrisome. In our elections the candidate with the most support must win the office of president.

And I will mention only briefly that the original intent of avoiding a direct democratic election was to protect slavery, a past no one can glorify or argue to preserve.

Please follow the recent support votes of the Democratic Party in the twenty-two Oregon counties and pass HB 2927.

Thank you.

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