

Rules Committee,

Dear Legislators,

My family moved to Oregon in May of 2015 and despite having our second child born soon after and being busy raising our young children, our time in this state has really been dominated by nothing more than the 2016 election, more specifically by one Donald J. Trump.

My husband and I are involved politically and we strongly supported Hillary Clinton from the start. We spoke constantly about the candidates and the direction the country was moving and our hopes for what the election might bring. Our older child, who is now nearly four years old, listened to and participated in these discussions to an astonishing degree.

About a month ago, after hearing his father and I speak endlessly about the disaster currently unfolding in Washington, D.C. and how impotent we feel to improve things, my child looked at me and asked why Donald Trump is President. I sat down with him and we talked about the election (which he remembered because his father and I had followed it so closely and have mourned the results vocally every day since 8 November). I explained that U.S. adult citizens had had the opportunity to vote for the person whom they wanted to be POTUS, though many people had not taken advantage of (or been allowed to exercise) their right to vote. My son then extrapolated and expressed his sadness that more grown-ups had voted for Trump than for Hillary and I told him that, actually, Hillary had gotten far more votes. When he then asked why she wasn't our president, I had no answer for him because I still do not understand it myself. I don't understand how a small percentage of votes (much smaller than the number of persons who were unfairly restricted from casting a vote in at least one instance) from only three states were able to overcome a nearly 3,000,000 vote lead held by Hillary Clinton.

I support the National Popular vote because the electoral college, which was put in place to prevent exactly the unqualified mess currently in office from being elected, has obviously failed.

I support the passage of HB 2927 because the voice of the people is supposed to be this nation's most powerful tool.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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