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Voters in Oregon and nationwide want the president to be elected by National Popular Vote. The electoral college is an outdated holdover from a time when slavery was still practised in this nation. Its "equality" was not based on giving just rural residents more say in selecting our chief executive, but was also based on how many slaves wealthy landowners had.

It also failed in one of its primary goals, which was to prevent a big city tyrant from becoming our chief executive and staffing our government with his cronies.

The fact that the past election had the widest discrepancy between the popular and electoral vote in history should show that the system as it is is antiquated and in need of change. We elect all our other government officials, from the federal to the local level, by direct popular vote, the same should apply for our chief executive.

It's time for America to equalize the vote and make sure every voter's voice is heard. The vast majority of Oregonians approve of this legislation and have for over 7 years. The Oregon Legislature needs to pass HB2927 this year with no amendments and no ballot referral.

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