

To Whom it may concern,

I am strongly in support of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, HB 2927 without any amendments. I am from Beaverton, Oregon. I was born in Oregon and have lived here most of my life. As someone who is interested and motivated to make positive changes politically in our country, I have been frustrated with the lack of attention most of the people in the United States get in national elections. I see the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, HB 2927 as the best way to make my vote and indeed all votes count equally. This is the best way to work within the system that the founding fathers set up to make national elections national rather than state by state.

I further believe that HB 2927 is superior to SB 825 in that in that it allows legislators to do what they were elected to do; make these kinds of decisions. What do we have legislators for if not to speak for the people of the state who have elected them? It is in this way that the people of Oregon are given the chance to make these decisions without outside influence as we are doing today in reaching out and expressing what we want, as a people, to the those we have elected. The constitution grants state legislatures the responsibility of determining how our electors vote in the electoral college. Clearly that means it is the job you as legislators were elected to do.

It is an erroneous suggestion that SB 825 allows the people of Oregon to make this decision as this will actually attract all of the outside money and influence of people who have nothing to do with our state, but see that keeping things as they are on the national level as advantageous to them. With this money and motivation, they will confuse and misdirect Oregonians. And, as you well know, if a person doesn't understand something on the ballot, the tendency is to vote no.

Stand up today and reject SB 825. Listen to the voice of the people of Oregon and don't allow this essential decision to be made by out-of-state money and influence.

Stand up and support HB 2927. This is the exact decision that you were elected to make. It is in your power to put Oregon on the path to make all votes matter, to make presidential candidates work for every vote they get whether it be rural or city.

Thank you.

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Sent from my iPhone