

To the Senate Rules Committee:

Please vote yes on SB 870.

It breaks my heart during national election cycles, to hear people talk about how their vote doesn't matter, because they live in a "blue" or "red" state. Every individual's vote should matter, regardless of the town, city, or state they live in. I have now lived through two elections in which the majority of citizens voted for a presidential candidate they felt would best lead America and been denied their rightful victory. Enough is enough.

The National Popular Vote bill would guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and D.C. This ensures that *every* vote, in *every* state, will matter in *every* presidential election.

Because of winner-take-all laws in states, general presidential election candidates have no reason to solicit votes in states where the statewide outcome is a foregone conclusion. The 12 closely divided "battleground" states received 94% of the general-election campaign events in 2016. The Presidential candidates don't care about the concerns of Democrats or Republicans in Oregon because they already know the winner-take-all law will award the electoral votes to the Democrat. Under the current system our votes don't count. Please make every American's vote for President equal and vote yes on SB 870!

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