

Dear Senators,

The electoral college was devised when our country was compact, rural, and with about four million people; when the popular vote was severely restricted so that people of color, poor people, and women could not vote; and when the few big cities had about 10,000 people each. Ten thousand people is the size of a metro neighborhood, the size of Astoria, the size of Seaside at the peak of tourist season.

The National Popular Vote compact accurately reflects the changes in our country. It will ensure that every vote counts when electing the President. NPV will strengthen our democracy and ensure that the President is truly elected by the people.

NPV will benefit Oregon and Oregonians for several reasons. Candidates will need to know about Oregon issues, and they will need to campaign here because Oregonians' votes will matter. Additionally, voters could have more direct contact with candidates, which could lead to more informed and engaged voters.

I'm relieved that Senate President Courtney plans to schedule NPV for a vote on the Senate floor. Please vote YES for it and make sure the NPV passes so that Oregon can take its rightful place in Presidential campaigns.

Thank you for your service.

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