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Oregon Senate Rules Committee

Dear Members:

I'm writing to urge you all to support Senate Bill 870, to pass the bill out of committee to the floor of the Senate and to vote for the bill on the floor. My support for the bill is based on the fundamental idea that each person's vote for President should count equally. Voters' importance should not depend on whether people live in large states vs. small ones (Wyoming voters currently have nearly 4 times the weight per electoral vote as California voters), or in states that are solidly Democratic or Republican vs. "battleground state" (voters in Ohio and Florida currently have much more influence on presidential campaigns than voters in California and Texas).

The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, once enough states join it, will make the presidency depend on the total popular vote, with every person's vote weighted equally. We elect every other officeholder in our country by simply counting people's votes, and we should do the same for our president.

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