

To Senate Rules Committee,

I think that we should elect the President using a National Popular Vote and that the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is the best way to do that.

The President Should be Elected by All Americans, Not Just Those in Swing States

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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