

Dear Senators,

You have an opportunity to advance a bill that will engage more citizens in one of the most important aspects of our democracy - electing our presidents. For too long citizens have felt, rightly so, that their votes did not count if they lived in a red or blue state. According to research conducted by Making Every Vote Count, guaranteeing that the presidency would go to the winner of the popular vote would boost turnout by 20 million people!

Due to changes in state demographics, elections are now fought in a tiny number of swing states. In the 2020 elections, nearly 40 states, with about 80 % of the country's population, will be ignored by both candidates.

Many election experts are predicting that the 2020 election will come down to how people vote in 3 or 4 states. Does anyone really believe that this is what our forefathers envisioned? This concentration of voting power makes our system extremely vulnerable to election fraud which can be focused on these key swing states. It also means that voter suppression efforts can be targeted at these crucial states making the outcome even more distorted.

Over the past 7 sessions the Oregon Senate has been asked to fix this problem with a legal interstate compact. In the past, this solution has seemed hypothetical as the compact lacked so many votes. But now the time has come when passing this bill in Oregon may truly mean that the compact is enacted throughout this great nation. Connecticut, New Mexico, Delaware, and Colorado have recently enacted this bill. It has passed one house in 8 additional states with ([AR](#), [AZ](#), [ME](#), [MI](#), [NC](#), [NV](#), [OK](#), [OR](#)), including a 40–16 vote in the Republican-controlled Arizona House and a 28–18 in Republican-controlled Oklahoma Senate, and been approved unanimously by committee votes in two additional Republican-controlled states with 26 electoral votes ([GA](#), [MO](#)).

Please help us fix this racist, out-dated aspect of our democracy. Join the momentum around the country and put a common sense solution in place. You have the power to make one person, one vote a reality. This is what democracy is about.

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