

Testimony of Dennis Chapman In Support of SB 870 – May 20, 2019

To the Members of the House Rules Committee --

I am writing in support of SB 870, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. I urge the House Rules Committee to pass this bill out of committee on May 20th with a Favorable / Do Pass recommendation, for the following reasons:

1. In elections for President, the popular vote is the purest form of 'one person, one vote' – a principal tenet of American democracy.
2. The current system of electing Presidents by electoral votes in the Electoral College, because most states award them 'winner take all' based on the popular vote in that state, disenfranchises voters who do not vote for the winner in that state. Their votes don't count !
3. Oregon is one of the states which awards its electoral votes 'winner take all'. This is a distortion of the key tenet of 'one person – one vote' .
4. When adopted by Oregon, and enough other states to total 270 electoral votes, the Interstate Compact will eliminate this distortion and reinstate 'one person, one vote' in future presidential elections.

Thank you.

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