

Re: In Support of SB870

Honorable Legislators:

A progressive tide is fast sweeping our nation and it promises to restore rationale to our democratic process as well as faith in that democratic process.

The notion that individual “states” and not the “citizens” of our nation hold the power to determine the highest Federal office of our country is as antiquated as the quill pen used to record its inception over 200 years ago.

That office represents the leadership of our entire nation to ourselves and to the world abroad and as such should not be determined by a conglomerate of states conceived upon often arbitrary boundaries but rather by each and every one of its citizens.

Our founding fathers never intended for our democratic process to stagnate--to become a slave to an era that was sure to change over time with ever-growing enlightenment as our vanguard--the same enlightenment which served as the inspiration for our nation in its earliest conception.

As of today, 15 states have enacted the National Popular Vote bill into law. The 15 states possess 189 electoral votes -- 81 short of the 270 electoral votes that the bill needs to take effect. If Oregon enacts the bill, there will be 16 states with 196 electoral votes -- only 74 votes short of 270.

The time is now for our state to become part of a new wave of enlightenment and give the power “for the people” back to the people.

Thank you for your time.

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