

In support of SB 870

I'm writing today to voice my support for the National Popular Vote Referendum.

Looking deeply at the current Electoral College, and more importantly, the way that Congressional seats (and votes) are apportioned, is an eye opening experience. Basically, through legislative coup our representative democracy was turned into a zero sum game, where the number of Congressional seats (and therefore the number of Electoral College votes) was capped at the arbitrary number of 435.

The end result of this is that if one state gains an Electoral vote, another state must lose an Electoral vote. The system is designed to disenfranchise urban dwellers in high population (read industrial) states. And it has to end.

Ultimately I would prefer to fix the underlying problem by overturning The 1929 Congressional Reapportionment Act. But in the interim, the National Popular Vote Referendum establishes a system that honors the intent of our founding fathers. It creates a system...totally legal under the terms of our Constitution...that will allow the President to be chosen by a majority of Americans.

I urge you to support this legislation.

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