



TO: Senate Rules Committee, Oregon Legislature
FROM: K.C. Hanson, Chair, Democratic Party of Oregon
RE: Support for SB 870
DATE: May 18th, 2019

The Democratic Party of Oregon writes today in support of Senate Bill 870, legislation that enacts an interstate agreement among U.S. states to elect the President by National Popular Vote.

DPO support for this policy is well-documented. During our most recent party platform convention in May 2017, attended by over 500 members, National Popular Vote was selected as one of our top legislative priorities:

*“2018 Democratic Party of Oregon Priority Legislative Action Items
Create, adopt, or implement Legislation to, or for:*

...

*17. Adopt the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact in order to
assure every citizen’s vote for the positions of President and Vice
President of the United States is equal.”*

Additionally, our Platform articulates our support:

*“Article 5 - GOOD GOVERNANCE: Election Integrity; Campaign Finance
Reform; Voting Rights; Tax Fairness*

...

*Plank 28: We believe as the head of government of the United States of
America, the President and Vice President should be elected by whomever
wins the most votes nationwide.”*

The Democratic Party of Oregon urges adoption of the National Popular Vote legislation that is before you this session.

Thank you for your consideration.

K.C. Hanson

Chair, Democratic Party of Oregon