

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing regarding SB 870 and the swing to a popular vote instead of respecting the existing electoral college. I have voted in many elections and though things may not have turned out in my favor, I respect the process and our Founding Fathers' brilliant system for keeping our government safe from mob rule.

Our constitution uses the electoral college for specific reasons, which we have relied on to keep our government fair and balanced and give every region a voice. If you rock this boat, this is the first step to tearing down our government and inciting mob rule, which we all know leads to utter destruction of government. Look back in history and educate yourselves on where this will lead us.

California has become a complete liability to our Nation and it disgusts me that Oregon is following in their footsteps. I am utterly ashamed of how our elected officials are behaving and the freedoms that are being threatened recently. Our voice should not be a freedom that is taken from us.

I have heard rumor that California is threatening to keep a Presidential nominee off the ballot .... this is a disgrace to our system and I pray Oregon doesn't jump on that self-serving tantrum bandwagon as well.

I am conservative and I live in a very liberal state. I do not throw fits or demonstrate violently in the streets when legislation doesn't come out the way I wished. I respect the process. The electoral college gives we conservatives (nearly all of Oregon is red outside of Portland, Salem, and Eugene) a voice in our state. Because we are less populated outside of the large cities, a popular vote takes our voice and is 100% unconstitutional.

Please do not take this basic building block of our Democratic Republic away; you are risking everything our Founding Fathers built and threatening to steal the voice of those who disagree with the liberal train. It isn't right and I hope our elected officials choose integrity over allowing a loud and boisterous mob bully them into essentially burning the Constitution in the streets.

Thank you and may you never make decisions like this lightly,

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