

Senators,

I would like to speak in support of the National Popular Vote bill. The Electoral College is outdated and anti-democratic, but the political climate at the moment makes any sweeping change, like an amendment to the Constitution, almost impossible to get through Congress. The President should be elected by popular vote; electing electors from each state not only allows the possibility of a President without a popular mandate, as has happened before, it also contributes to cronyism and deal-making as candidates jockey for support.

What do we do if there is no outright winner? There are better options than the EC, for sure, such as ranked voting. But we'll never get to that question if the EC stays. An amendment would be ideal, but a minority in Congress would hold it up forever. Better to render it obsolete. Oregon should join the movement, and once the EC is gone, we can retool a better system.

Sincerely,  
Zach Hudson