

To: Senate Rules Committee
From: Kate Titus, Common Cause Oregon
Re: Support for SB 1509, Presidential Electors
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Common Cause

Common Cause is a nonpartisan organization that works for open, honest, accountable government. We are 1.5 million Americans – including roughly 30,000 Oregonians – working together to realize the unfinished promise of democracy.

Support for SB 1509

Common Cause supports this nonpartisan election security bill to ensure that our election process operates according to law.

None of us wants to give up free and fair elections. Yet at a time when our nation's politics have become particularly polarized, our elections are becoming increasingly politicized. Even in Oregon, we've had to contend with burning ballot boxes and violent threats against election workers. It's now a probable risk that at some point sooner or later, Oregon presidential electors will face intense pressure and intimidation, that one or more may break their oath and misrepresent hundreds of thousands of voters, and that Oregon then finds itself entangled in chaos around our presidential election process. But we can easily preempt such scenarios.

SB 1509 *ensures* that presidential electors in Oregon vote faithfully in alignment with the public's will, as they are already legally obligated to do. We urge your support for this bill, as amended.