

Submitter: Eleanor Tippens

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1509

Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Elmer and Pham and members of the House Committee on Rules,

My name is Louise Tippens, and I live in Portland. I support SB 1509, a good governance bill that seeks to add additional security measures to our election process to ensure that presidential electors in Oregon vote faithfully and in alignment with the public's will as it relates to the President of the United States.

With our elections being threatened daily, we should make any fixes that will ensure the results are properly conveyed, and that no one tries to skew the results. Our democracy needs protecting, and I urge you to take this opportunity to reinforce currently existing statute and create better accountability within the process.

Twenty-four states already have laws like this in place to guard against the threat of faithless electors. This includes many other Western states, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Utah, and Washington State. Bills like this have passed in red states, blue states, and purple states. This legislation is not about party, and it's not about politics. It's about preserving our democracy.

Please do not miss this opportunity to ensure that our votes are faithfully recorded and that those who do not do as the public wished are suitably penalized. I urge you to pass this bill out of committee.

Thank you,

Eleanor Louise Tippens
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