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**HB 3077 after first reading, unamended**  
**STRONG OPPOSITION**

**Linn County**  
Constituent of Phil Barnhart **HD 11**

Dear Chair Garrett and members of the House Rules Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee and express my strong opposition to HB 3077. My testimony is as an individual.

Summarized as “Enacts Interstate Compact for Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.”

### **As a naturalized American Citizen**

I had the privilege of being taken from a country that embraced Socialism and brought to the United States as a legal immigrant. My public education instilled in me a deep appreciation in the wisdom of our founding documents that established our Republic. I understand the Pledge of Allegiance and value the rights my parents wanted me to have when they came to the United States.

As a young adult, it was my option to select any country as my home. To become a citizen, to have the responsibility and privilege of voting to elect leaders who should be working not only for me, but upholding the Constitution of my country and my state. So when I took the oath of citizenship, it was not just another afternoon in a Federal Court house with new fellow citizens. I got the vote, after waiting two years in the queue at the INS.

I could have continued to be a permanent resident alien and not bothered to change my immigration status and my daily life would have been, in many ways, no different than any citizen of the United States. But the one thing I could not do and the most meaningful thing absent in my life was the right to vote.

### **Legislating away MY vote**

The book that has been published by the proponents of the National Popular Vote movement have undertaken an encyclopedic effort to convince you that I am somehow having my vote wasted if you do not subscribe Oregon to an elaborate scheme. Truths are self-evident.

*The truth is simple, I accept the allocation of electoral votes based upon the vote totals of the State of Oregon.*

I am not disenfranchised if I have a direct connection between a victory or a defeat when the President and Vice president are chosen. If I don't like the result, I must participate as a citizen and have a different result in the next election.

The National Popular Vote is specifically designed to obligate States in a manner that is outside the Electoral College. It manipulates votes in one state and ignores the independent and unique needs of individual states. I have heard attorneys arguing the Constitutionality of this scheme. Do we really want to through Presidential politics back into court. No one is happy when everyone has to lawyer up to do what can be accomplished with common sense.

**False Positive and False Negative Results when tests & medical treatment not aligned with truth.**

If someone undergoes a test for a cancer and a test is NOT synchronized with reality, the end result is not good. There are two ways to have accurate results, two ways to have FALSE results.

		Test Result	
		Test says you're sick	Test says you're not sick
Disease Condition	I'm actually sick	Actually sick, get treatment	<b>No treatment, get sicker FALSE NEGATIVE</b>
	I'm not Sick	<b>Get unnecessary worry &amp; treatment FALSE POSITIVE</b>	Relief, joy and long life

**False Positive and False Negative Results when elections are nationalized by Popular Vote scheme**

		Oregon Vote tally	
		Their Candidate wins	My candidate wins
National Popular Vote	Their Candidate wins	Results are accurate, though not my preference	<b>Disenfranchised Voters FALSE NEGATIVE</b>
	My Candidate wins	<b>Disenfranchised voters FALSE POSITIVE</b>	Results are accurate

Republicans, do you want to win Presidential electors in Oregon and have it taken away by the votes in another state? Who feels cheated & disrespected?

Democrats, do you want to win Presidential electors in Oregon and have it taken away by the votes in another state? Who feels cheated & disrespected?

No matter which political party you call home, as a legislator, your constituents will hold you responsible for their disenfranchisement, passing this bill allows the for the gaming of the system. Every scheme can and will be abused at some time, do you know what multiple party results look like?

In conclusion, my strong opposition to HB 3077 can be summarized by the following:

- National Popular Vote is the first step to ignoring my rights as a voter.
- I choose to vote and accept the consequences of my vote.
- I am disenfranchised when this bill devalues what I value most as a citizen, my vote.
- I oppose any scheme to subvert the Constitution, which would manipulate election results
- This tells voters that their vote doesn't matter, some one else knows better, don't bother, your choice is meaningless.
- This bill surrenders my vote and willingly disrespects the reasons I became a citizen.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee and I strongly urge you to vote no on HB3077. I would be happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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