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As the Oregon Republican Party Election Integrity Chair, I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to HB 3475, the National Popular Vote pact, and also am in opposition to the National Popular Vote in its entirety. The popular line of the supporters of the National Popular Vote is that the NPV will make Oregon more relevant in presidential elections. I strongly disagree with this statement.

Oregon voters contributed 1.4% of the total votes in the 2012 Presidential election. As you can see from the map below, based on number of votes per state, Oregon is quite insignificant compared to other states. Why would a presidential candidate spend ANY time in a state with 1.4% of the total vote, when they can spend their time in states like California, Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania? OR even more importantly, in population dense areas like Los Angeles, New York City, and Chicago?

NPV makes any non-metropolis high density area irrelevant, and makes most elections decided by those three areas above.

Respectfully submitted,

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