

Chair Jennifer Williamson and Committee Members,

I have recently learned about five bills seeking to change Oregon's vote in presidential elections to using the national popular vote. This is deeply disturbing to me for several reasons. First of all, our current electoral system gives a voice to both large and small states. It prevents the more highly populated areas from deciding every election and gives a voice to the lesser popular areas. It ensures that presidential candidates campaign and listen to all Americans, not just those living in the most populated areas. It robs the individual states of their sovereignty as their electoral votes will not necessarily reflect the sentiments of the citizens of the state. The most concerning part of the Interstate Compact for Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote is that it circumvents the Constitution of the United States. There is a proper method to change the Constitution, amendments. This does not follow the procedure of the Constitution. I am very concerned that my lawmakers would seek a way around the law.

Please do right by Oregonians and citizens of the United States to reject this Interstate Compact for Agreement among states to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

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