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**Sent:** Monday, June 19, 2017 11:29 PM  
**To:** SRULES Exhibits  
**Subject:** SB 825 National Popular Vote

*Copy of a message sent to some members of the Rules Committee. For the Committee's Record:*

**Re: SB 825 National Popular Vote Voting Block Compact**

Dear Senator Ferrioli -

This Wednesday the 21st, I noticed that the Oregon Senate Rules Committee is holding a Public Hearing on SB825 - a revision to SB823 the National Popular Vote Interstate (VOTING BLOCK) Compact.

**While I respectfully urge you to vote NO on the entire NPV effort - and in doing so, you will be retaining the control of Oregon's 7 Electoral Votes WITHIN Oregon rather than giving that control away totally to forces OUTSIDE of Oregon - it is absolutely HYPOCRITICAL** of the folks who are backing this crazy, America Federation-damaging NPV scheme who are also asking for a NO vote on this bill, but a YES vote on SB823!!

The backers of the NPV scheme want you to vote NO on SB 825. but YES on SB 823! THEY do not trust OREGON VOTERS to decide how Oregon's Votes for President should be cast, BUT THEY WANT THE VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT!

This blatant HYPOCRISY reveals that these people really do NOT believe in democratic elections, they certainly have NO USE at all for STATEWIDE popular elections, but they somehow believe that a NATIONAL popular election to elect our President!

AMONG DOZENS of other HORRIBLE problems that the NPV Compact will create, this **NPV Compact CHANGES the current requirement that our President be elected by a MAJORITY** (a Majority of our States, as weighted by respective populations, IDENTICAL to their representations in Congress - WHICH NO ONE HAS OBJECTED TO IN 228 years!) **to being elected by a PLURALITY!!** *"The Candidate with the MOST votes wins."*

THAT means that in a campaign with only 4 or 5 candidates, a candidate could EASILY have more than 66% of the national population VOTE AGAINST a candidate and yet have that Candidate be declared the new President of the United States when his or her vote tally of just 34% is more than any other's vote tally.

ANYWAY, Senator, thanks for your time and consideration! It is really vital to the role our STATES play in American self-governance and their ability to keep our federal government in check that the National Popular Vote Voting Block Compact be stopped dead in its tracks at every turn.

There truly is NO redeeming or positive quality to the effort at all, and many, many horrible consequences! Please STOP the NPV effort completely.

Regards,

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On Sun, Jun 18, 2017 at 11:40 AM, John Crawford <[crawfordjohnj@gmail.com](mailto:crawfordjohnj@gmail.com)> wrote:

*Dear Senator Ferrioli,*

*I sent this message to Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney, and I think that you need to see this, too -*

#### **MICHIGAN POISED TO SCREW UP OREGON ELECTION**

PLEASE STOP the NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT! Stop SB

823

Dear Senator Courtney,

I am contacting you from the Great State of Michigan because the Great State of Oregon is seriously considering screwing up Presidential elections for the American Federation of States, and for itself.

The reality is that it is much more likely that MY State will screw up and reverse the election results in YOUR State, if the National Popular Vote bill, SB 823 moves forward.

And Michigan has not even joined that Voting Block scheme!!

I actively participated last December in the recount of every voter's ballot in Michigan, that was ordered by Jill Stein and Hillary Clinton. Guess what we found?

The City of Detroit, by far the largest city in Michigan, had certified that ALL of its hundreds of thousands of votes had been accurately cast. The Michigan Secretary of State passed that on in the certification of Michigan's votes to Congress.

[By the way, the NPV Interstate Voting Block Compact you are considering REQUIRES a Statewide popular vote and ONE State official to declare the vote count within a day of the election. Alarming, the NPV Compact declares that the election results by that State official MAY NEVER BE CHANGED, NEVER BE RECOUNTED, NEVER BE CORRECTED NOR ADJUSTED IN ANY WAY. Ever. This is certainly denial of a Due Process if ever there was one!]

**BUT THE ACTUAL RECOUNT in Michigan revealed that just over HALF of all of Detroit's precincts had SO MANY voting anomalies that NONE OF THOSE PRECINCTS COULD BE RECOUNTED!**

Just that HALF represents a whopping 10% of all of Michigan's precincts! That is larger than most election victories in our State.

A number of precincts had many more paper ballots in the sealed ballot boxes than there were voters who showed up to vote!

In Michigan, only TWO Counties had significant voting "errors" - Genesee (Flint) and Wayne (Detroit). None of our other 81 Counties had any measurable problems. But these two Counties invalidated (well, could not be physically recounted) just over 10% of Michigan's precincts! Those votes were not counted in the recount - they stood as they were certified.

(By the way, Donald Trump officially carried Michigan by less than 0.3% of our vote. Of 4.8 million votes cast, he won here by less than 11,000 votes.)

On top of that, the City Clerk in Detroit certifies that they have 527,000 valid registered voters while the updated data from the U.S. Census Bureau documents that there are only 477,000 residents of Detroit over the age of 18!

Senator Courtney, I and other Michiganders are fighting hard to clean up our own mess in our own State, but it has not been cleaned up.

**With our present, 228-year-old Electoral College, OUR mess stays locked up here in Michigan.** It does not impact Oregon in the slightest.

**What you are poised to do, however, will make OUR mess YOUR mess.** And Michigan does not have to do a darn thing for that to happen! It will be completely self-inflicted.

IF OREGON takes this really ill-advised step of joining the National Popular Vote Voting-Block Compact, you are taking away control of Oregon's electoral votes for President and giving that control to the Detroit City Clerk and a handful of other large cities in the U.S.

If I was an elected official, I would never want to be associated with allowing THAT to happen! You will be forever tagged with that move.

**"Senator, only 29% of Oregon voters voted for 'Candidate Schmagaggie', a fourth place finish in our State. Yet, YOU passed a law that cast ALL of our Oregon votes for Candidate Schmagaggie for President, who is NOW our President-elect!**

**"CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN TO OREGON VOTERS WHAT YOU WERE THINKING WHEN YOU THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA?**

**"Did you really believe that you were making the votes of 71% of Oregon voters who voted AGAINST Schmagaggie actually 'COUNT'?! "**

It is clear that the Oregon House has not fully considered all the horrible chaos, stress and confusion that this terrible Voting Block Compact - the type of which our Founders tried to design the Constitution to protect against - will create across the nation.

Please, Senator Courtney. **The Oregon Senate exists for moments like these.** THIS is a time for the Senate to STOP a bad piece of legislation that could easily turn control of the votes of YOUR State over to the voters of mine.

This impacts all of America. It impacts Oregon.

Please Stop the National Popular Vote Compact.

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*THANK YOU for reading this, Senator Ferrioli, and for your consideration of the larger problems that this VOTING BLOCK Compact is creating.*