

Dear Oregon legislature,

I am writing to submit evidence in support of the National Popular Vote compact. One important note: the NPV does *not* disadvantage small states as a group -- one of the most common arguments in favor of the status quo.

"How the Electoral College Influences Campaigns and Policy: The Probability of Being Florida", published in American Economic Review, June 2008. Online copy at <http://perseus.iies.su.se/~dstro/ElectoralCollege.pdf>

The AER is one of the most prestigious journals in economics.

This is a peer reviewed economic analysis of the impact of the Electoral College on campaign spending/visits. Quoting from the paper:

"Small states have not, *as a group*, been advantaged by the Electoral College system. (...) On net, visits per capita are not correlated with size. This is also the case under the Direct Vote system. So small states, as a group, neither gain nor lose from electoral reform." [Emphasis mine.]

Please use this scientific evidence in support of passing the NPV compact as a small step towards a better democracy in the United States.

Sincerely,

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