

I am concerned that the Oregon State Legislature is considering National Popular Vote Compact legislation. Contrary to what proponents of this dangerous legislation will try to tell you, the United STATES of America is not a democracy. We are a beautifully constructed Constitutional Representative Republic. The NPVC is clearly in direct opposition to what our Founding Fathers intended and in subverting the Constitution literally steals the vote of Oregon residents and hands it over to the winner of the National Popular vote. The Founding Fathers instead had intended for each State to independently choose the candidate they see most deserved of their electoral votes. This way all States have a voice in the process and candidates must earn those votes state by state. The NPVC will ensure that the people of Oregon will never again matter in a Presidential election as the electoral votes of Oregon can be gained simply by pandering to the 4 largest states who have 1/3 of the Nations population. I ask any of the legislators in Oregon to honestly say if they would EVER campaign in Oregon again if they could get there 7 electoral votes by winning Los Angeles. I also ask how each legislator would explain the outcome of the 2016 election had Donald Trump won the Popular Vote and on December 19th when the election was certified it was announced the 7 electoral votes in Oregon went to Trump despite Clinton's 10 point win in Oregon. Help me understand how that is a more fair system for Oregon voters. WE THE PEOPLE know the true answer to these questions.

Lastly I would remind the Legislators considering this destructive bill to consider that while the proponents of this bill are trying to convince you this is a State issue that is not true. It concerns me to no end that Oregon would consider making this decision for the residents of the 38 other States who do not agree with this Legislation.

I ask that you tell the proponents of the NPV to amend the Constitution if they want to make this change so all States can deliberate on the issue. I ask you to Protect the VOTE of all Oregonians and all Americans. I ask you to please vote NO on HB2927

Thank you for your Consideration

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