

Dear Chairwoman Burdick and Members of the Committee:

I do not support SB1512 but instead I write you in support the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact Bill House version without referral to a referendum. The bill has been passed in the House of Representatives 4 times and each time it has moved to the State Senate it has died in the Senate Rules Committee without a vote. How is it that the Senate President, the Chairwoman and members of the rules committee find it acceptable to subvert the democratic process of allowing Senators to vote their conscience on an issue for 8 years? It cannot be because they have not heard on the subject from Oregonians.

A 2008 poll showed that 76% of Oregonian's were in favor of the National Popular Vote. SB1512 appears to be an attempt to stymie efforts to pass the bill. The US Constitution requires that the State Legislature determine disposition of the Electoral Votes of a state, not a referendum. This could make such a referral a poison pill that would doom the bill to be challenged as unconstitutionally decided.

The NPVIC is the best chance we have to make sure that our democracy does not continue to be controlled by a tiny minority of American voters in swing states. I hope you will see fit to bring it to the Senate floor and give it the vote it deserves.

Sincerely Yours,  
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