

Dear Senate Rules Committee:

I ask that you vote NO on SB 870. A fundamental goal and ideal embodied into the structure of our government upon its creation was that it be not a democracy, but instead be a constitutional republic. In being a republic, the ideal was to protect *individual liberty* against the often sporadic and ill contrived tyranny of the majority. Central to this idea was that the individual (or minority) cannot ever be protected from mob rule under a democratic form of government. A constitutional republic was the Founder's resolve.

National Popular Vote abandons our constitutional republic. NPV's proposal is for the majority popular vote of a Compact (of states) in a national election, the Electoral College votes would be awarded as determined by the majority of popular votes within the member Compact. Obviously of concern would be what policies, laws, and regulations would candidates be motivated to propose to the compact in order to win the favor of a majority of votes of the Compact. These proposals could very well be in opposition to the will of Oregon voters, but perhaps not matter in the case of Oregon being dragged along as a member of a Compact. Oregon should not surrender its sovereignty to the will of other states and the will of other states' voters. You wouldn't allow another state to elect the next Governor of Oregon, why would you let another state speak for Oregon in the election of the President.

Respectfully,

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