

To the committee:

I am in favor of Oregon joining the National Popular Vote Compact. Substantively, I am in favor of the principle of one person=one vote, and we can't continue to have the popular vote winners be the Electoral College losers as they have in 2 out of the last 5 Presidential elections, no matter which party that favors (it so happens to have favored Republicans).

Procedurally, when I vote for my representatives in the state legislature, I willingly give them my proxy and expect them to make decisions on my behalf, rather than referring issues such as the National Popular Vote Compact back out to the voters. As Article II of the U.S. Constitution clearly states,

"Each State shall appoint, *in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct*, a Number of Electors...."

This issue is for the legislature to decide.

Thank you.

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