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This bill is an attack on the Constitution that will forever change our representative form of government. The NPV system completely negates the claim that "every vote counts". Those who are pushing it know fully the kind of damage it will do to not only to smaller states but the country as a whole.

An effective republic demands that the citizens of smaller states are not brushed aside. A candidate must impress upon each State that he or she will represent that State's interests in order to gain its electoral votes. Changing our electoral system to a popular vote would in fact ensure that the voters of Oregon and other less populated States will never have a voice again.

If the electoral votes of Oregon are determined by what voters nationwide and in particular in large urban centers desire, then candidates will no longer bother to address the needs of Oregon's voters. Consider that the 6 Counties that make up the greater Los Angeles community have a population of 19 million while the entire state of Oregon has slightly more than 4 million. Why would any candidate for President put energy in Oregon when winning the votes of Los Angeles gets you almost 5 times the number of votes? Your constituents deserve a voice in the presidential election do not take that from them.

I ask you to vote NO on the NPV. The Electoral College plays a significant role in preventing tyranny by the majority. Our Founding Fathers crafted a representational republican form of government, rather than a direct democracy for good reason and they were clear in their intent.

Even if you support the concept of a national popular vote, I ask you to have the courage to vote NO on this bill and instead force a Constitutional amendment to change the way we elect our President. All Americans deserve the right to weigh in on this subject.

Thank you for your consideration

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