You people need to step back and think your way through this.

The entire NPV issue is simple reactionary politics that are not at all thought out.

If you think your vote doesn't count now, wait until you pass this piece of stupidity. The election will be over at Denver and nothing that is said or done in Oregon will matter EVER! You won't even need to vote as you will no longer have anything to say about it anyway. All you will get out of it is an "after the fact" chance to say "me too." The only problem is that the decision didn't include any of us. Oregon won't matter and nobody cares and you people apparently think this is a good deal? If you think Oregon doesn't get a fair shake in congressional matters, wait until you don't have anything to say about who is elected president. Exactly what is it that any of you expect will be accomplished by voting for this stupidity? Do you really think you are doing anything for the people of Oregon? I challenge each of you to stand up and individually answer either question. In your plan, the end state for Oregon is irrelevance! Oregon will have nothing to say and you will be real happy that, in your personal enlightenment, you put us in that situation?

It's well passed time to grow up. This is big people world, not some silly high school prom thing. The electoral college is placed to ensure that the president is elected by the majority of the states. More often than not, the popular majority coincides with the electoral college majority but it is neither designed to coincide with it nor to affirm it. Sometimes it differs.

I'm not an Oregon native. Like a lot of folks, I came here from someplace else. The history of Oregon is one marked by rather stubborn independence and determination. Where did that go? You are happy to abandon Oregon's heritages of freedom, independence and determination? In favor of what? You want someone else to decide for us? What other decisions are of no concern to the people of Oregon?

I've asked several questions there. If you choose to ignore them, you stand convicted of cowardice. Answer the questions. Either you are or you are not representatives of the people of Oregon. If you vote for this piece of stupidity, you surrender Oregon regarding all the executive function of our federal government including taxation, the judiciary, international trade, defense, the environment and pretty much everything else a president is involved in. Oregon will not have anything to say regarding the selection of the president and you are okay with that. You can claim legitimacy in citing the popular vote but you can't do it honestly if you don't answer the questions. All you wind up doing is doing something stupid and making Oregon irrelevant. You need to own that right up front.

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