We are writing to ask everyone to oppose HB3077 changing Oregon 7 electoral college votes from the way Oregon voted to elect the American president by the country's popular vote.

At this time the rural areas of Oregon have only a very little influence on all politics--while regulations and other policies often leave us swinging from a rope. If our country changes to a popular vote rural areas will be completely disenfranchised.

There is a great advantage in leaving the natural tensions between the rural and metro areas input in laws and policies. Both sides bring different points to the table and working together makes a better outcome for all.

Please do not vote to cut the throat of rural Oregonians; vote no on HB3077.

Sincerely,

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