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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2015 Session of Oregon Legislature:

Support: HB 3475

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party officially supports HB 3475, which would enact the Interstate Compact for Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote (NPV).

We do so with caution, however. In the regime of Citizens United, putting all states "into play" in the Presidential election may result in an overwhelming amount of money going to advertising, in all states, for the candidate who most closely toes the corporate line. Today, when the voter registration in only about 10 states allows a realistic contest between the Democratic and Republican candidates, less money is required to run a competitive nationwide effort.

We trust, however, that the post-2016 United States Supreme Court will reverse Citizens United and the similar 5-4 decisions that have unleashed unlimited corporate funds in Presidential races. If such money is put back under control, then the NPV would improve democracy by making every vote count.

Please include this statement in the legislative record for this bill.

Thank you.

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