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Dear Senate Rules Committee:

I am dismayed to learn that SB 870 related to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is being considered by your committee. This bill would fundamentally change our Presidential election process. 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.

Candidates will no longer bother to address the needs of Oregon's voters when the population of the entire state is less than the population of some of the major metropolitan areas. The greater Los Angeles area has a population of 19 million while the entire state of Oregon has slightly more than 4 million. Why would any presidential candidate bother with Oregon when the votes of Los Angeles is worth 5 times as much? The people of Oregon deserve a voice in the presidential election do not take that from us.

Please vote NO on the NPV. It is an attack on the Constitution that will forever change our representative form of government. Our country would be in crisis and if successful, Oregon and similar small state's voices will be permanently diminished or even extinguished in the Presidential election. 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. Please don't throw away our votes. The electoral college was created so that all states would have a say in who becomes president all states would have the right to be heard equally. Not just a few metropolitan areas. Your votes should count too. This is still our country. Not the country of New York City, Los Angeles, Seattle and Portland.

Thank you for your consideration

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