

Dear Oregon House Rules Committee:

I am astounded that the Oregon House would even consider SB870. The founders of our Constitutional Republic were wise enough to know that more populated states could have more say than less populated states. They also worried about a disparity of wealth between the states. They set up the Electoral College the way it has been for those reasons and others. Having less populated states have their influence diminished flies in the face of their intent, and is one of the reasons we have enjoyed the benefits of a stable nation. Passage of the NVPIC will create a Constitutional crisis that will harm the very fabric of the nation that we have benefited so greatly from. When rural areas that produce the energy, food and supply water that literally keep the population centers alive have no influence, this country is in trouble. Please reject the NPV, and keep the nation whole. We are a Federation of States, not a Federation of large population centers.

Please vote NO, and thanks for your consideration,

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