

Dear Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

Let me say right up front — I am a strong supporter of National Popular Vote, but I do not support NPV as a ballot referral.

I do not support referral because

1. Sending the issue to referral will result in out-of-state interests spending millions of dollars to influence voters. The issue of how electors should be apportioned is constitutionally in the hands of state legislators who have been elected to represent their constituents' views. Sending the issue to referral interferes with this process.
2. If the issue is sent to referral and it passes, we can be sure that our participation in the NPV compact would be challenged in court with Oregon taxpayers footing the bill. We have more pressing priorities for our taxpayer monies.
3. Ballot campaigns are very expensive. Measure 101 cost 3 million and passed; measure 97 cost 40 million and failed. The state legislators are constitutionally charged with making the decision regarding apportioning the electoral votes. Do the job we elected you to do. Listen to your constituents who have overwhelmingly asked for you to vote for National Popular Vote without referral.

Sincerely,
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Use what you have.
Do what you can.

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