

Dear Oregon Senate Rules Committee:

Regarding SB 1512, which seeks to refer the National Popular Vote question to voters:

I support National Popular Vote (NPV) and the bill that has already passed the Oregon House four times and which Senators have been denied the right to vote on since 2009. I do not support referral because the founders of our country gave the authority to make this decision to state legislators as stated in Article II, Section I : “Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress . . . “ Every law in every state saying how electoral votes should be awarded has been decided by state legislators. This is the job of the legislators as stated in the Constitution.

So, we have already elected our legislators to make this decision. Denying Senators the right to vote on this bill after it has passed the house four times, and then trying to refer it to the people is just wrong. if Senators had been allowed to do their job in 2017 and have a floor vote on the house-referred bill, this discussion would now be unnecessary.

Thank you for accepting my input.

Sincerely,

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