

Dear Senate Rules Committee,

I am a strong supporter of the National Popular Vote (NPV), and I have written testimony before and will continue to support NPV in the future. I'm writing to make it clear that I support the NPV bill that has already passed the Oregon House four times. I don't support SB1512 which refers this issue to the voters.

Here's why:

First, as a citizen I elected legislators to make these decisions. You need to do your job and not punt it to voters. Second, ballot measures are expensive propositions. We have such vital healthcare, education, jobs, and other systemic issues to tend to the common welfare of Oregon citizens. We've got work to do...spending money on a ballot measure when it is clearly the legislature's job to do to job it was elected to do is irresponsible.

Third, I read in the local and state press that this short legislative session was to focus on financial matters. What is the reasoning for putting SB1512 on the docket. It has nothing to do with finances?

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"Do not look at stars as bright spots only. Try to take in the vastness of the universe."  
--Maria Mitchell (1818-1889)