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The Honorable Jeff Hickman
Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Speaker,

Thank you for your service to the State of Oklahoma and its citizens. Oklahoma is an example to other states of how fiscal responsibility and limited government can lead to economic prosperity. I commend your leadership and commitment to these issues.

Today, however, I write to you out of concern over a bill that would undermine the will of Oklahoma voters, circumvent the intent of our nation's founders, as well as limit our state's influence in the selection of our president. Senate Bill 906, the National Popular Vote Compact, would have Oklahoma sign an agreement with other states to grant our electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote rather than according to the outcome of the presidential vote in our state.

This is very concerning to me because of the strong likelihood SB 906 could disenfranchise a majority of Oklahoma voters. Had SB 906 been law in 2012, Oklahoma's electoral votes would have gone to President Obama rather than Governor Mitt Romney, who won each of the state's 77 counties and the overall statewide vote 66% to 33%. The candidate that wins the presidential vote in Oklahoma should receive our state's electoral support regardless of political party or the outcome of the national popular vote.

In their wisdom, the Founding Fathers created the Electoral College to ensure states with smaller populations, such as Oklahoma, had a strong voice in the selection of our president. However, SB 906 undermines the Founders' intent with the Electoral College. Electoral votes should be granted according to the outcome of the presidential vote *in Oklahoma*. We should not let voters elsewhere displace our state's influence and power in the selection of the president of the United States. I strongly urge you to keep these concerns in mind as SB 906 is considered by the Legislature.

Sincerely,

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Cc: President Pro Tempore Bingman