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Chambers Across Colorado Urge a "NO" Vote on Prop 113, the National Popular Vote Scheme

(DENVER, CO) – Protect Colorado's Vote, the issue committee opposing Proposition 113 (the National Popular Vote scheme on this November's ballot), today announced the following chambers from across Colorado have endorsed the NO on Proposition 113 campaign:

Denver Metro Chamber of CommerceSouth Metro Denver Chamber of CommerceFort Collins Chamber of CommerceGreeley Area Chamber of CommerceLoveland Chamber of CommercePueblo Area Chamber of CommerceGrand Junction Area Chamber of CommerceAlamosa Chamber of CommerceTrinidad and Las Animas County Chamber of CommerceColorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation

"After working hard to reinstate a presidential primary and open primary elections to unaffiliated voters, this measure reduces Colorado's political voice by handing our electoral votes to whichever candidate wins states with larger populations, regardless of which candidate wins Colorado. We've worked so hard to engage voters, and this measure disenfranchises them while diminishing Colorado's voice on the national stage. With the National Popular Vote, Coloradans would lose their influence on important federal policy and funding decisions for issues like health care, roads, infrastructure, water and economic recovery," said Kelly Brough, president and CEO of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce."

"As a Chamber of Commerce in rural Colorado, the decision to oppose the National Popular Vote compact was an easy one, stated Erin Keck, executive director of the Alamosa County Chamber of Commerce. "Our mission as an organization is centered around support for our business community. To give away our voice and our votes to other areas of the nation, particularly those with traditionally unfriendly business climates, would not be supportive of that mission."

"California billionaires are pouring millions into Colorado to fund the campaign to take our votes for president," observed Diane Schwenke, President and CEO of the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce. "The last thing Colorado needs is California dictating Western water policy and imposing its high-tax, overzealous, job-killing agenda on the rest of us." Colorado's chambers are joined in their opposition to National Popular Vote by 27 counties, several towns and cities, Action22, Pro15, Club20, and several trade associations. A full list of groups opposed to National Popular Vote can be found on Protect Colorado's Vote's <u>website</u>.

The National Popular Vote compact would require Colorado to award its electoral votes to the national popular vote winner instead of the candidate who wins the most votes in Colorado, even if that candidate does not compete in Colorado or even appear on Colorado's ballot.

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