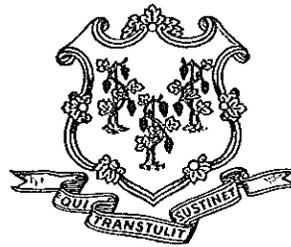


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Senate Co-Chair Gayle S. Slossberg
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Government Administration and Elections Committee
300 Capitol Avenue
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Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs, Ranking Members and Members of the Government, Administration & Elections Committee:

Testimony in Support of: HB-6163, An Act Concerning An Agreement Among the States To Elect the President of the United States

Good afternoon, I want to thank Co-Chairs Slossberg and Morin, Vice Chairs Meyer and Lesser, Ranking Members McLachlan and Hwang, as well as distinguished members of the Government, Administration & Elections Committee for the opportunity to testify on behalf of: *HB-6163, An Act Concerning An Agreement Among the States To Elect the President of the United States*

The proposed legislation would make the presidential elections a more democratic process by simply electing the presidential candidate based solely on the majority of popular vote, rather than the current Electoral College.

Under the current system, 4 out of 56 presidential elections have gone to a candidate that did not win the national popular vote. We all remember the most recent example, the 2000 Presidential Election. History has shown the chaos of that election will most likely not be the last circumstance.

If passed, SB-752 will have several benefits. For instance, it would increase the incentive for presidential candidates to listen to the concerns of states such as Connecticut with few votes in the Electoral College. Furthermore, a national popular vote would reduce or eliminate the need for costly recounts, reduce incentives for voter fraud, and would elevate the value of each individual vote.

Thank you again for you affording me the opportunity to speak before the Committee on this matter and in advance for your consideration of this important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary D. LeBeau".

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