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Statement of Juan Candelaria
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For the Government Administration and Election Committee
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In support of
HB-5126, An Act Concerning An Agreement Among the States to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote

Chairman Musto, Chairman Jutila, and Honorable members of the Government Administration and Election Committee, As Chairman of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus, I would like to express my strong support for HB-5126, An Act Concerning An Agreement Among the States to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote, that is currently in your committee for consideration.

The HB-5126, An Act Concerning An Agreement Among the States to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote ensures that every vote in every state, regardless if it is or is not a swing state, matters in every presidential election. On the other hand, Connecticut's current system essentially ignores the vast majority votes due to its "winner takes all" rule.

We as legislators have the opportunity to change this disenfranchised, broken voting system to a system that embodies democracy, where every vote counts regardless where it is cast, and we should take that opportunity for the sake of our constituency.

Thank you chairmen and committee members for the opportunity to present testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juan Candelaria".

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