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The Honorable Steve Cassano
Connecticut General Assembly
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Senator Cassano:

I am writing today on behalf of the 65,844,610 voters whose votes did not count during the 2016 Presidential selection process. Although Hillary Clinton won the national popular vote, receiving nearly three million more votes than her competitor, the forty-eight states using the "winner-take-all" system of assigning Electoral College votes managed to declare Donald Trump to be the President! So the popular vote, the majority vote, did not matter! This is so wrong. Does anyone really wonder why there have been protest marches? More than 65 million of our nation's voters had, and still have, a very valid reason to feel cheated, angry, disillusioned, and/or disappointed in our electoral system. Even though they were part of the national popular vote majority, their votes did not count!

For years I taught my young elementary school students the very basics of our nation's government and the basic concept of voting to select our leaders. The children understood the concept of majority vote. I have always been proud to be an American and I attempted to reflect my pride in country. Then in 2000, Al Gore won the national popular vote but "lost" the election. Then, as now, the national popular vote majority did not matter! So much for pride in teaching about the fairness of our elections!

The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is a very logical way to replace the antiquated method of assigning electoral votes that is still being used by forty-eight of our states. To date, ten (10) states plus the District of Columbia have already voted in favor of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, providing 165 of the 270 electoral votes needed to put the compact into effect. Several other states currently have legislation pending on this proposed legislation.

Since the National Popular Vote system would ensure that the every vote counts and would eliminate so much of the frustration we are currently experiencing, I am requesting, and basically pleading, that you and your fellow legislators work together to approve the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact in your state. Every voter in every state needs to know that his or her vote will count in the next Presidential election! You and your fellow State Legislators could definitely take a giant step toward healing our nation. Passage of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact could certainly help to restore voter confidence in our nation's future! Please give this proposal a chance!

Thank you so very much!

Respectfully,

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