

To: Government Administration and Elections Committee  
Re: HB 5434  
Hearing date: 2/22/17

I write to express my support for HB 5434, "An Act Adopting the Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote," which will be having a Public Hearing in the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017.

The electoral college is an arcane system that unjustly denies members of the public their right to equal representation. Under the present system, an individual voter in Montana has thirty times the weight of an individual voter in California under the present system. When the Constitution was written, women and slaves did not have the right to vote. Thankfully, that has been corrected. The role of the Electoral College needs to be changed as well to assure equal representation in our Presidential elections.

Thank you for your service on behalf of the State of Connecticut!  
Yours sincerely,

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