

IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT: 2/21/17

Dear Senators and Representatives in the Connecticut Legislature,

We are writing to support the passage of SB9 and HB5434. It seems very clear to me that in this day and age the President of the United States should attain that office as a result of winning the national popular vote, not the Electoral College vote.

- The Mayor of Stamford (and of all towns in America) is elected by the popular vote in Stamford, not by electors from each Voting District.
- State Senators and State Representatives in Connecticut (and in all states in America) are elected by the popular vote in their districts, not by the electors from those districts.
- The Governor of Connecticut (and of all states in America) is elected by the popular vote in Connecticut, not by electors from each town.
- The Members of the US House of Representatives from Connecticut (and from all states in America) are elected by the popular vote in their districts, not by electors from each town or voting district in their district.
- The Members of the US Senate from Connecticut (and from all states in America) are elected by the popular vote in their states, not by electors from each town in the state.

And this pattern, as far as I know, applies to elected officials at every level in every country in the world.

So, one has to ask, WHY, in this day and age, IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES ELECTED BY "WINNER TAKE ALL" ELECTORS FROM EACH STATE instead of by the national popular vote of the citizens of the United States?

It is time for the House and the Senate of the State of Connecticut to enact the enabling legislation, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, to allow the President of the United States to be elected the national popular vote in the United States.

We applaud the efforts of the Connecticut House and Senate to bring this issue to the floor. We encourage each of you to register an affirmative vote on these bills.

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