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Proposed S.B. No. 9 An Act Entering Connecticut Into The National Popular Vote Compact

Proposed H.B. No. 5434 An Act Adopting The Interstate Compact To Elect The President of The United States by National Popular Vote.

The adoption of the NPVIC by Connecticut is essential to move the nation to safeguard the first rule of our democracy - everyone is equal and their vote is of equal importance especially in the election of the person to be the president of the United States of America.

The Founders did a fine job in their efforts to create a living document in the Constitution as a framework for a young nation. The Electoral College is a mechanism crafted for its time in the nation. It worked for its time but it does not work for these times nor was it meant to.

The argument that the Electoral College is needed to give equal weight to rural and urban voters is simply wrong, a "red herring" and, in fact, results in an unfairness to all voters especially rural voters in the most populous states.

Using the states of California (a heavily populated state) and Wyoming (a lightly populated state) as examples with California having 1,882,000 rural residents in 2008 (the last year I could find with statistics categorized by rural and urban) and Wyoming 172,000 in that same year. That translates into the vote of one rural resident of Wyoming being worth more than 10 times the vote of one rural resident of California. Is that fair? Clearly not.

Moreover most of our country's rural citizens live in the 15 most populous states, those states that get short-changed the most by the Electoral College. So a majority of the rural citizens are cheated by the Electoral College just because they happen to live in the 15 most populous states.

Do you still believe the Electoral College helps rural citizens? I don't.

Connecticut must pass the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. Connecticut must be true to the foundation values of the United States of America. One vote of equal value for every citizen in the election of the person to be president.