

February 20, 2017

To: Government Administration and Elections Committee

Re: HB 6575

Hearing date: 2/22/17

Dear Legislators,

I am writing in support of Bill HB 6575, "An Act Concerning Disclosure of Presidential Candidates' Federal Tax Returns" which will be having a Public Hearing in the Government Administration and Elections (GAE) Committee on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017.

Not only is release of the Presidential candidates' tax returns important for transparency and knowledge of potential business conflicts, it is imperative for America's servicemen and women to know that if asked to put themselves in harm's way, they will be doing so for truly American interests and not just those of the President and his family.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,

Pam Hogarth
Durham, CT

February 20, 2017

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 citizens their right to equal representation. A voter in Montana has 30 times the weight of a voter in California under the present system. When the Constitution was written, women and slaves did not have the right to vote, and much has changed since them. Let us also fix the electoral college to make electors represent us.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the State of Connecticut!

Yours sincerely,

Pam Hogarth
Durham, CT