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Testimony to the *Government Administration and Elections Committee* in support of HB 5434
AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.

I am writing to urge you to vote YES on HB 5434.

I want the vote of each and every person to matter. By awarding Connecticut's electoral votes to the candidate who wins the popular vote nationwide, we give equal representation to all voters, whether they live in Connecticut, Colorado, or California, Wyoming, or Washington. This is currently not the case.

Under the current state-based electoral vote system, a voter in Wyoming, with 3 electoral votes, has a vote that represents 1/186,000 of the electoral votes for that state. But in California, a voter's vote represents only 1/670,000 of an electoral vote. That does not truly represent "one person, one vote" at all!

Presidential candidates rarely campaign in Connecticut. With the National Popular Vote Compact, HB 5434, every vote in CT would matter and candidates would pay attention to us, and to many of the other smaller states that are consistently written off even before the election begins.

Under HB 5434, our votes would count just as much as the votes in the "swing states" of Ohio, Florida, and Pennsylvania.

I believe in a democracy every vote should matter equally and the president should be the candidate who gets the most votes. Under the current state-by-state winner-take-all method of awarding electoral votes, it doesn't work that way. Please support HB5434.

Thank you for your consideration.



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