

To the Government Administration & Elections Committee:

I can not attend the public hearing being held on 2/22/17 but would like you to know that I, as an American & resident of the great state of Connecticut, am in full support of HB 5434. I am not a lawyer, historian, or political expert but I know that the current system we have to elect our leader is outdated and unfair. To paraphrase President Trump during his campaign, "this electoral college system is rigged" and I strongly agree. This current system gives very few states the ultimate power to choose our president, leaving the rest of us muted with a powerless vote. It also deprives us of having the candidates come to our states to work for our votes. We need to live up to our democracy and let every vote count. The candidate with the most popular total votes in all 50 states should win the presidential election, it is the only fair way. To know that in 2 of the last 5 elections the victor received fewer popular votes than the loser is very disheartening and demoralising to the electorate and always puts a dark cloud over the election. I implore you to consider supporting the passing of HB 5434 and may your moral compass help guide your informed decision. Thank you for your time and the work you do.

Respectfully yours,

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