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**Testimony to the GAE Committee—HB 5434-- An Act Adopting the Interstate Compact to Elect the President Of The United States By National Popular Vote**

**Support**

Greetings, Representative Fox, Senators McLachlan and Winfield, and GAE Committee Members,

I'm writing to urge you to support HB 5434-- An Act Adopting the Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote.

**The presidential candidate who wins the most votes nationally should be elected president.**

Joining together with other states in the National Popular Vote Compact and casting our electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote is the most sensible, fair, and effective way to assure that the candidate most favored by U.S. voters becomes our president. This is not a partisan proposal but rather one that affirms our country's dedication to "One person, one vote"—regardless of the geographic location of our voters.

**Removes gerrymandering from the process of electing a president.** Because every voter's vote would be included in tallying the popular vote, the National Popular Vote Compact would eliminate gerrymandering throughout the nation in presidential races. No more winner-take-all states; no more safely partisan districts; no more unequal representation in voting for a president. Because every vote in every voting jurisdiction would count equally throughout the country, each state would add its presidential election results to those of other states to determine the popular vote winner. Presidential electors would cast their Electoral College votes to the national winner.

**Geographic location of voters should not determine election of the U.S. President.** We are a truly mobile society. Our president should represent the interests of *all* U.S. citizens and not beholden to the interests of swing state, red/blue state, and rural/urban voters. In my family alone, my Massachusetts-born parents became residents of North Carolina, and before that, of Georgia. My Connecticut in-laws retired to Florida. Many of our children leave Connecticut to attend college—in the Midwest, the West Coast, and the South-- and make their adult lives there. They are citizens of a nation, not of one state alone. Their concerns transcend state borders. They want a safe, secure country, a clean environment, meaningful job options, and affordable health care, all of which are increasingly national—and international—in scope. Our president, along with Congress and the federal government should be elected to address them as such.

Please vote YES on HB 5434 and on all similar bills so that Connecticut may join the 10 other states in the National Popular Vote Compact and elect the winner of the national popular vote as our president.

Respectfully,

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