

I am here today to support the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. I feel that the current method of awarding electoral votes is an affront to democracy: Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by nearly 3 million votes, but Donald Trump won the election and serves as president today because he won a handful of swing states by razor thin margins. Sixteen years ago, Al Gore similarly won the popular vote but lost the election and the presidency to George W. Bush.

Fortunately, this Compact is a realistic path that CT and other states can take to make every vote matter, not just those in swing states but in every state and in time for the 2020 election—and one that doesn't require amending the Constitution..

In short, if states and territories totaling at least 270 electoral votes join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, then the next presidential election will be determined by the winner of the popular vote. Ten states and the District of Columbia, totaling 165 electoral votes, have already joined—and Connecticut could be next. I am here today to urge you to support One Person-One Vote. Every person's vote should be equal, regardless of where they live. Thank you for your time today and your efforts on behalf of this effort.