

Testimony in support of H.B. 5421

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Re: B.B.5421

I am offering testimony in support of HB 5421, an Act Adopting the Interstate Compact to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

One-person, one-vote is, in an ideal world, how democracy should work. This is more important than ever in light of the Citizens United ruling. Two recent Presidents, both sub-par in my opinion, lost the popular vote.

The Electoral College may have been a helpful system in the past, but in the 21st century, I feel strongly that it is obsolete. These days, in presidential elections, a few “battleground states” are where the candidates campaign, while others, Connecticut among them, are ignored. Consequently, policy debates and Federal funding decisions are skewed, and voter participation is diminished.

Too, too many times have I encouraged someone to register to vote, only to hear “My vote doesn’t count.” Please restore to all eligible voters the confidence that their votes DO make a difference by adopting HB 5421.