

Dear Senator Flexer, Senator McLachlan, Representative Fox, and Members of the GAE Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in **support of HB 542**, and I urge you to support H.B. 5421, the proposal to elect the President by the national popular vote in all 50 states. That way CT voters would matter. We know that Presidential candidates rarely campaign in Connecticut. With the National Popular Vote Compact, H.B. 5421, every vote in CT would matter and candidates would pay attention to us.

Electing the president by the national popular vote has majority support of CT voters across party lines. Overall 78%, including 62% of Republicans, 76% of Unaffiliated and 92% of Democrats agree that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide should become president (polling by *Making Every Vote Count*, Feb, 2018)

I strongly believe that in a democracy every vote should matter equally and the president should be the candidate who gets the most votes. The Compact would make *one person, one vote* a reality. Will you please support this bill? I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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