

March 11, 2018

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

My name is Ginni Block and I am from Cornwall, CT. I am a member of Democracy Awakens.

I am writing in support of HB5421, *An Act Adopting The Interstate Compact To Elect the President by National Popular Vote*. This is a nonpartisan solution to make each person's vote for president matter. I truly believe that this is the basis of a democracy. I think that our current system has made many individuals feel that their vote doesn't count, and therefore they don't bother voting. I see voting as a right and responsibility; I think the National Popular Vote would encourage voting, which is critical to engaging the most people possible in our democracy.

In the current political reality, battleground states get more federal dollars and more attention from presidential candidates. Voters in small states like Connecticut don't matter; I believe this compact would change that.

In a poll conducted by Making Every Vote Count (Feb. 6, 2018), 78% of Connecticut voters agree that the person with the most votes nationwide should be elected president. This includes 62% of Republicans and 92% of Democrats. This bill would have Connecticut join 10 states and the District of Columbia in this compact.

In closing, I am asking you to vote "yes" on H.B. 5421. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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