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Co-chairs Fox, Flexer and McLachlan and distinguished members of the GAE Committee:

My name is Priscilla Dannies, and I am from New Haven. I am writing in support of proposed House Bill No. 5421, *An Act Adopting The Interstate Compact To Elect The President By National Popular Vote*.

This bill will make every vote matter, regardless of whether it is cast in a red, blue, or swing state, because the winner will be the person with the most votes.

Twice in the past 16 years, the person with the most votes did not become President of the United States. Our young people have every reason to regard this as normal since it has happened twice in their lifetimes, and they are aware candidates rarely campaign in our state. This new normal encourages cynicism, a lack of interest in voting, and a loss of faith in democracy in all of us, but especially young people.

This bill will make the Electoral College reflect the popular vote, which is good, because every Electoral College vote is not equal. The three electoral votes that Montana has represent about 1 million people, whereas seven electoral college votes from Connecticut represent about 3.5 million people. If the vote to population ratio were equal, we would have 10 electoral votes.

I urge you to vote yes House Bill No. 5421, please. Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Priscilla S Dannies