

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

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The United States has been a stable democracy because of the system of checks and balances written in our Constitution to ensure no one part of government can corrupt our democracy. Currently our democracy is being destabilized. The U.S. is in a state of emergency from being taken over by a cadre of people who are looking to use their positions for personal profit and willing to undo our system of checks and balances, infiltrate the bodies such to give the president dictatorial power; power to do away with protections of the environment threatening us all with a catastrophe, willing to take more from the vulnerable, including their healthcare, in order to profit the wealthy, man our FBI, CIA, State Dept, Justice Dept with unqualified administrators that will do their personal bidding, diminish women's healthcare rights, worker rights, civil rights, AND GOT THIS POWER BY DIMINISHING VOTER RIGHTS, AND WE NOW KNOW THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF A FOREIGN POWER.

This same administration is doing everything it can to take away state rights, e.g. attacking sanctuary states & cities.

HOW HOPEFUL THAT STATES ARE NOW USING THEIR POWER TO FIGHT THE CORRUPTION AND SAVE OUR DEMOCRACY.

It is imperative that Americans who value our democracy do what they can to take back power and you are seeing our citizenry do this taking to the streets on a broad set of injustices. State legislators have also stepped up to fight the corruption, many suing the government to stop the Muslim ban, the Wall, the opening of our waters to offshore drilling, and other infringements on our democracy and ethics.

The Connecticut Legislative body now has a chance to join with other states to use State power to assure that the Will of the people, as reflected in the majority's vote for president has the power to choose the president, by joining the National Popular Vote compact.

The electoral college has been used successfully to UNDERMINE what the majority of Americans want. Our nation knows the system isn't working but the people in power are the ones who benefit from it and won't change it, so the STATES have come together to create a more just, more representative of the majority Will, way: the NPV.

I know that Senator Chris Murphy supports the NPV, but it is you our state legislators that have a chance to do something to bring the choice of president back to majority vote, and simultaneously play an important role in saving our democracy.

I ask you to vote in support of HB 5421, an Act Adopting the Interstate Compact to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

Respectfully, and with Hope,

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