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I am writing in support of HB5421. It is essential to our Democracy that we elect the President of the United States by popular vote, just as we elect every other public official at every level of government. The Electoral College system was designed by the Founding Fathers to ensure that Southern votes prevailed and that slavery was protected. One of the results of the system is that Presidential candidates focus the majority of their campaigning on a hand full of states with the electoral votes that will secure the Presidency. I want to hear all candidates for the Presidency first hand in our State, and I want my vote to count in the TOTAL national vote. Passing HB5421 will move the country toward the 270 electoral votes required to elect the President by popular vote. It is truly a non-partisan bill - the winner is the person with the most popular votes, whether Democrat or Republican or a Third Party. Ensuring that every vote counts is the essence of Democracy.

Please support HB5421 and work to ensure that it becomes law. Thank you.