

To whom it concerns,

Allow me to be outraged! Wantonly disenfranchising your constituents is not representation of them.

I cannot stress enough the disgraceful and unacceptable nature of two pieces of legislation SB-408 and HB-5421!

In short, these bills are an affront to your electorate!!

Though it seems such legislation could only come from the pages of a satirical blogger, a law whose statement of purpose is to enter Connecticut into the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by committing the state's votes in the Electoral College to the presidential candidate that wins the popular vote nationally, regardless of whether such presidential candidate wins the popular vote within the state of Connecticut or not, is not only real but getting genuine consideration.

By taking up legislation you are considering a bill that would render the Connecticut voter irrelevant in favor of the overall country's popular vote. Independent of party affiliation this essentially disenfranchises the whole of the Connecticut electorate simply by the allowing population centers such as California, Texas, Florida and New York to speak on Connecticut's behalf.

Our voice in Northeast Connecticut is nearly a whimper already and this would render us completely irrelevant on the national stage. In a tight election, Connecticut's seven electors could make a difference. To suggest that your constituency should not be heard, as these bills imply, the Connecticut voter be silenced in the eyes of the Electors in favor of the popular vote across the country as a whole, is in essence, cynically suggesting the people that, not only elected you into office but who you swore to represent, are not worthy of a national voice.

I do not believe gagging Connecticut by offering that other states may speak on our behalf is a good representation of our interests.

A vote for either SB-408 and HB-5421 is not only irresponsible but an embarrassment to any legislator, regardless of party in Connecticut, and I would suggest its questionable constitutionality and wanton disenfranchisement of the Connecticut voter should be an impeachable offense. You should be ashamed for even the consideration!!

Remember as our legislators you serve at the pleasure of the people, you do not get to choose us, but we do get to choose you.

Respectfully,
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