

March 16, 2018

RE: Testimony in support of H.B. 5421  
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To Whom It May Concern:

It is time for Connecticut to join the 11 states that have enacted National Popular Vote legislation. The Electoral College is an anachronism and is no longer relevant as a means to elect the President of the United States. It is not democratic for a person's vote to count more based on where that person lives. Since a U.S. Supreme Court decision 50 years ago the one-person, one-vote has been the law of the land in all elections except the one for president.

The presidential election focus on "Battleground states" is a distortion of our presidential election process and minimizes the importance of each citizen's vote. As residents of Connecticut we are virtually ignored. Voters don't feel that their vote matters and this is negatively impacting voter participation across the country. We are a democracy and our voting procedures must be democratic.

It is time for Connecticut to sign a mutually-binding pledge to cast our electoral votes for the popular vote winner. It is time to do our part to end the anti-democratic Electoral College distortion of our presidential election.

Sincerely,

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