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Re: bill H.B. 5421
3/18/2018

Dear Senator Flexer, Senator McLachlan, Representative Fox, and Distinguished
Members of the GAE Committee,

I am writing in support of bill H.D. 5421, an act adopting the interstate compact to elect the president of the United States by Popular Vote. There are many powerful arguments to support Connecticut joining the interstate compact. The one I'd like to emphasize is reflected in our country's problem with low voter turnout.

According to the Pew Research Center, the US trails most developed countries in voter turnout. I believe there are several reasons for this. I'll focus on one. Votes only seem to matter in Swing States. Voters in "safe" states, like Connecticut, are disincentivized to vote because they feel their vote won't matter. For a country that prides itself in the strength of its democracy, we are doing a terrible job of promoting all citizens participation in it. With our current system, more than half of the country is virtually ignored by the Candidates who concentrate their time and resources in swing states. Clearly all votes don't have equal weight.

I believe every vote in the entire country should garner equal weight. I believe all eligible voters should feel incentivized to vote because it will actually count. I believe strong participation and pride in our democracy is good for our government and our country.

Thank you for your consideration.
Most Sincerely,
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