

Our local probate judge is elected by a popular vote. So too is our First Selectman, our State Representative and our U.S. Senators. In fact, nearly every elected official in American government is elected by a majority of voters – except the occupant of the Oval Office.

I'll never forget what it felt like to learn that Donald Trump had won the 2016 election. But that pain and fear paled in comparison to the realization that Trump had lost the popular vote by nearly 3 million voters. This fact told the American electorate that our votes didn't matter. It revealed that the political establishment was so attached to an antiquated electoral procedure that it had let the will of the electorate fall by the wayside.

Every vote should count, regardless of party affiliation or state residence. Right now, Connecticut doesn't have a voice in Presidential elections. It's time to trust the American people and join the National Popular Vote Compact. I strongly urge the Government Administration and Elections Committee to approve H.B. 5421.