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RE: H.B. 5421 Testimony

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

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 5421, the bill to have Connecticut join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. The Compact is a nonpartisan solution to make sure everyone's vote for president matters—regardless of what state they live in and whether their state is considered a blue, red or battleground state. I'm tired of hearing that battleground states are the only ones that matter in presidential elections. With H.B. 5421, the National Popular Vote Compact, our votes would matter the same as votes in Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania.

The National Popular Vote is constitutional, Article 2, Section I states, "Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors." It's up to states how to decide how to vote their electors.

I want our president elected the same way you are: the candidate with the most votes wins. Electing the president by the national popular vote has majority support of Connecticut voters across party lines. Overall 78%, including 62% of Republicans, 76% of Unaffiliated and 92% of Democrats agree that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide should become president (polling by Making Every Vote Count, Feb, 2018). **Please support H.B. 5421 and what the voters in Connecticut want from you so our votes will matter.**

The National Popular Vote Compact would make the concept of one person, one vote a reality. I believe in a democracy where every vote should matter equally and the president should be the candidate who gets the most votes.

Sincerely,

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