

My name is Ronny Kaplan. I am from Stamford, CT. I am a member of Women on Watch (WOW), a Stamford advocacy group.

I am testifying in support of proposed House Bill No. 5421, An Act Adopting The Interstate Compact To Elect The President By National Popular Vote.

- I Strongly feel that every vote in a Presidential election should count equally, and currently that is not the case. No campaigning takes place in CT; candidates do not visit, except to accept large contributions from wealthy donors at private parties.
- Two times in the past 20 years Presidents have been elected without winning the most votes in the country. The President should be elected by the majority of the people in the country.
- Due to extreme gerrymandering, some states have created a situation whereby a minority of the people are controlling that state's electoral college votes, and granting all of them to a candidate who is not supported by the majority of the country.
- The 12 battleground states have the most impact on the Presidential elections, which is unfair, and CT is ignored, since it is reliably blue in Presidential elections.
- In a 2009 Public Policy Polling survey of CT voters, three-quarters of Democrats and two-thirds of Republicans agreed that the President should be the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states.

I am asking the committee members to vote yes on H.B. 5421 and thank them for their time and attention.

Sincerely,

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