

Dear distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

My name is Lisa Kelly, and I am from Guilford, CT.

I am writing to support HB 5421: AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.

Every four years, we have a “race to 270,” not a race to determine who the majority of Americans want to be President. And every four years, that “path to 270” focuses on the same handful of states—and Connecticut is never one of those. Presidential candidates should have to hear and address the concerns of citizens in all 50 states.

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.

Every vote in every state should be equal—when voters feel that their vote doesn’t count, they are less likely to participate. This compact has bipartisan support and has been passed in 33 legislative chambers across the country including Oklahoma, Arizona, and Oregon.

I support this bill to join Connecticut to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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