

Co-chairs Fox, Flexer and McLachlan and distinguished members of the GAE Committee:

My name is Gary Y Larsen, I am from Stamford, CT. I am testifying in support of H.B. 5421, an Act Adopting The Interstate Compact To Elect The President By National Popular Vote. Originally the President was not meant to be selected by popular vote—the electoral college was set up deliberately to avoid such a vote. In spite of this attempt to avoid a popular vote, it has become a popularity contest. Since this is so, it should at least accurately reflect the actual popular vote in the whole country in spite of the defects of the actual use of the electoral college. The Interstate Compact is a way to do this and should be supported.

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