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My name is Andrea Levine. I am from Greenwich, CT. I am a member of the NPV CT Working 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 got involved with NPV CT Working Group after the 2016 Presidential Election. For the third time in my life, the winner of the National Popular Vote did not win the presidency. I felt that my vote did not matter.

The strongest reason to support the NPV Interstate Compact is that every vote for President should matter. There is no reason that the way the President is elected should be any different than how the members of the Connecticut General Assembly are elected.

The NPV is not an end-run around the Constitution. The Constitution states that states can decide how to pledge their electoral college votes. The NPV would just require the Connecticut's electoral college votes go the winner of the National Popular Vote.

The Electoral College was created to give slave-holding states more influence than they would have with a popular vote. The effect of the Electoral College today is to give more influence to just a handful battleground states.

The NPV Interstate Compact is a nonpartisan solution to allow everyone's vote matter equally in the election of the President, matter where they live. The League of Women Voters has endorsed it. It has received bipartisan support in many states including New York, Arkansas Arizona, Colorado, North Carolina, Nevada and Oklahoma.

It's time Connecticut joined the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact so that our votes matter.

Please vote yes on H.B. 5421. Thank you for your time and attention.

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