

March 15, 2018

RE: Testimony in Support of H.B. 5421 – An Act Adopting The Interstate Compact To Elect The President By National Popular Vote

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

I am Susan Miller, a citizen from Windsor, Connecticut. I fully support H.B. 5421 that commits Connecticut's electors to the winner of the national popular vote and to join other states already in this compact. The current electoral system ignores the votes from vast areas of the country that typically vote for a republican or a democrat. All the attention is focused on a handful of states, throughout the campaign season. As a result, the voices and concerns of millions of Americans are not heard by candidates and the candidates are free to tailor their message and policy to a subset of Americans that may or may not be representative of the country at large. If we are to remain a democracy, it is vital for each vote to count the same. Forcing candidates to actually campaign in the entire country will help them see what the majority of people really value and want from their president.

We clearly believe that one person-one vote is a valid system, otherwise we would not have every other elected official determined in this way. It makes no sense to trust individuals with the ability to choose their representatives, but not trust them with the presidency.

I strongly believe in one person-one vote and strongly encourage you to support H.B. 5421.

Respectfully,

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