

My name is Danielle Morfi and I am from North Haven, CT. I support HB 5421: AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.

In a democracy, every vote should matter equally and the nation's leader should be the candidate who wins the most popular votes. Under the current state-by-state winner-take-all method of awarding electoral votes, this isn't the way modern presidential elections work. Every person's vote should be equal, regardless of where they live.

The current system puts all the focus on a small number of swing states. Candidates shouldn't only come to CT when they need campaign cash. They should be coming here for our votes.

As in all other elections, the presidential candidate with the most votes should win. Despite winning the popular vote by 2.9 million votes (2.1%) in 2016, Hillary Clinton lost the Electoral College. Similarly, in 2004, had 60,000 Ohio voters switched from George Bush to John Kerry, Bush would have won the popular vote by a similar margin but lost the presidency

Studies show that disproportionate federal grant money goes to swing states to curry favor with their voters. That's unfair to the rest of the states that are sidelined because their votes don't matter.

We need to update our electoral process to better represent the American people across the political spectrum.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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