

Dear Senator Flexer, Senator McLachlan, Representative Fox, and Distinguished Members of the GAE Committee,

I'm writing I am writing to urge you to support HB 5421, the proposal to elect the President by the National Popular Vote in all 50 states.

I believe that in a democracy, EVERY single vote should matter equally and the president should be the candidate who gets the most number of votes.

Electing the president by the national popular vote has majority support of CT voters across party lines.

Overall, 78% of voters, including 62% of Republicans, 76% of Unaffiliated and 92% of Democrats agree that the candidate who wins the most votes nation-wide should be the President. (This polling was done by "Making Every Vote Count in February, 2018.)

Presidential candidates rarely campaign in Connecticut. With the National Popular Vote Compact, H.B. 5421, every vote in CT would matter and candidates would pay attention to us.

I'm tired of hearing that battleground states are the only ones that matter in presidential elections.

With H.B. 5421, the National Popular Vote Compact, our votes would matter the same as votes in OH, FL and PA.

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.

I am counting on your support in ensuring that the vote of EVERY Connecticut resident COUNTS in upcoming presidential elections.

Respectfully,
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