

Re: The March 19, 2018 Hearing on HB 5421

Dear Co-Chairs, members of the General Administration and Elections Committee, and interested legislators,

I am writing in support of HB 5421 "An Act Adopting The Interstate Compact To Elect The President By National Popular Vote." I am advocating for this bill because the U.S. President should be elected, just as members of the General Assembly are and just as I was elected a Selectwoman in Old Lyme, directly by the people.

Recent polling, again, shows that the majority of Connecticut voters favor electing the president by popular vote, (<http://www.ctnewsjunkie.com/archives/entry/2018221>). Co-sponsors and supporters of this bill have spent time researching the constitutionality and the merits joining the Compact will have for Connecticut. Only by joining the Compact, will the interests of Connecticut citizens become the concerns of future presidential candidates and their platforms.

I urge this legislature to join the 10 other states and the District of Columbia who have voted to join the Interstate Compact. This legislature can make our votes for president count by supporting HB 5421.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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