

New Britain Area League of Women Voters

New Britain, CT 06050

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 5421, An Act Adopting the Interstate Compact To Elect The President By National Popular Vote

To the honorable members of the GAE Committee:

The New Britain Area League of Women Voters is strongly in support of HB 5421 An Act Adopting the Interstate Compact to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

The League of Women Voters has long supported the National Popular Vote Compact and asks that you support Connecticut's participation in the compact through this legislation.

The following is the League's Position Statement of Position on Selection of the President, as Announced by National Board, January 1970, Revised March 1982, Updated June 2004 and Revised by the 2010 Convention:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice-President is essential to representative government. The League of Women Voters believes, therefore, that the Electoral College should be abolished. We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished.

The New Britain Area League has affirmed this position unanimously many times over the years and continues to work for it.

We hope to have your support of HB 5421 and see Connecticut become part of the National Popular Vote Compact this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary O'Brien, President  
New Britain Area League of Women Voters