

March 19, 2018

Dear Co-Chairs Fox, Flexer, and McLachlan and Distinguished Members of the GAE Committee:

My name is Jennie Panchy, and I am from Bethlehem, Connecticut. I am a member of Democracy Awakens.

I am writing in support of proposed House Bill Number 5421, *An Act Adopting The Interstate Compact To Elect The President By National Popular Vote*.

HB 5421 ensures that every vote, in every state, will matter in every presidential election. The National Popular Vote bill preserves the Electoral College and state control of elections.

This is a bipartisan issue. The National Popular Vote compact would uphold the voices and agency of all American citizens. The Electoral College is woefully outmoded, and its current institution serves only to undercut the health of American democracy and the empowerment of individual citizens.

Our President should be elected in the same way that we fill all our other governmental offices. Polling has shown that the majority of Connecticut voters support the National Popular Vote compact. The winner should be the person who receives the most votes.

I urge you to please vote yes on HB 5421 and to make every vote matter in our national elections. Thank you for your time and attention, and thank you for supporting the people.

Sincerely,

Jennie Panchy
Bethlehem, Connecticut

