

I am writing this testimony not as a Republican or a Democratic. I am writing it simply as a citizen. A citizen who wants her vote to matter. This is why I support the National Popular Vote Compact and ask that, at a minimum, you vote yes for the legislation to come out of committee.

I don't not see the NPV as a partisan issue. It is fundamentally a democratic issue. A legitimate government rests on the consent of the people. How is this true if our vote does not matter.

I became an advocate for the NPV after a conversation with my 10 and 7 year old daughters after the 2016 election. The day after the election, my daughters woke up in the morning and asked, "Who won?" I told them and they asked, "So he got the most votes?" I looked at them and said, "No." I tried to explain to them why the candidate who got the most votes didn't win. After my explanation, one said, "That's not fair." The other said, "That makes no sense." I looked at them as said your right, "It's not fair and makes no sense."

I know that for some members in the committee, are concerned that the NPV undermines the founding fathers' purpose of the electoral college and state rights. I say that our state should want to ensure that every constituent of the State of Connecticut has a voice. That every vote cast actually matters. The current system ensures that if you are a Republican in the State of Connecticut your vote doesn't matter. And that's where the fundamental problem lies and that's what the NPV will resolve.

I am asking you as members of the committee to vote yes on H.B. 5421. Ensure that our presidential election is fair and makes sense. Ensure that the candidate with the most votes wins.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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