

March 14, 2018

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

I am writing in support of HB5421.

I have done quite a lot of research over the last six months concerning the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, and have come to the conclusion that this would be the fairest way for our country to proceed in electing the President of the United States.

The Electoral College is outdated and does not make sense in our modern political environment. We now live in a world where it is possible to create legitimate one person/one vote elections. Many democracies around the globe make it work and the NPVIC is a legal way to make that happen within our Electoral College system.

It should be extremely frustrating to all of us living in CT that the following states (the battleground states) are the only ones electing the president: Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. Why should the votes of people in these states be the only ones that count in the current system?

I appreciate that NPVIC is a bipartisan concept that does not give preference to either conservatives or democrats in the two party system. In our state, red votes do not count at all under the Electoral College...if NPVIC were to take effect, it ensures every single vote would count. Maybe more people would participate in elections if they felt their votes would count.

The Electoral College is no longer functioning the way the founding fathers intended. The diversity of size/states/geography has nullified the original concerns that led them to establish the Electoral College. It should be ridiculous to any US citizen that a candidate who loses the majority can become president. I don't care in which direction one's politics lean—that's an absurd concept.

Thank you for your consideration, and I urge you to support HB5421.

Sincerely,

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