

In Strong Support

**HB 5421: AN ACT ADOPTING THE INTERSTATE COMPACT TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE.**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Submitted by: Melissa Schlag

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Honorable Senators Flexer and McLachlan, Representative Fox, and members of the committee:

I am currently a selectman for the Town of Haddam but I write this testimony as an individual who has been involved in local and state government as a dedicated public servant for over a decade. I ask your support for HB 5421 to bring true democracy back to our country.

As our public servant, you already know every vote counts; however, the candidate who has the most votes should win an election. That is democracy.

A poll last month by Making Every Vote Count found that 78 percent (62% of Rs, 76% of Us, and 92% of Ds) agree that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide should become president of the United States.

Passing a National Popular Vote would put Connecticut on the election map and make us more influential and important to candidates. Every Connecticut voter would matter.

Battleground states like Ohio, Florida, and Pennsylvania should not be the only ones who get to decide who our president will be.

Count every vote and make Connecticut count by passing HB 5421

Sincerely,

Melissa J. Schlag