

To the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

This is my testimony on HB 5421.

Every election in our country is settled by popular vote. Whoever gets the most votes wins, except the presidential election. Now is the time to remedy that situation. Every vote should count. The presidential election is so important, it effects every person in our country, and has world impact. One person, one vote is the fairest way to hear from all our citizens in this crucial election.

Connecticut is a small state and as such is overlooked in the campaign process. This builds an apathy among it's citizens who feel that their vote doesn't really count and their concerns are not heard by candidates. For a democracy to be healthy and vibrant the citizens must feel enfranchised. Every person's vote should have equal weight, no matter where they live.

It's also unfair that more federal grant money goes to swing states to curry favor with their voters. The government should be equitable in giving grant moneys to states, by their need and not by the number of Electors they have.

Thank you,
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