

Testimony in support of H.B. 5421 to the Government Administration and Elections Committee of the State of Connecticut

Respected Committee Members,

This testimony is in support of HB 5421, the bill to have Connecticut join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

Today, voters of the “battleground states” have a disproportionate say in choosing the President of this country. This is the reason why Presidential candidates rarely campaign in Connecticut.

Moreover, the current state-by-state winner-take-all method goes against the principle that every vote must matter equally. I believe that the President of the country must be the person who receives the most number of votes all over the country.

This is not a partisan issue. Overall 78%, including 62% of Republicans, 76% of Unaffiliated and 92% of Democrats agree that the candidate who wins the most votes nationwide should become president (polling by <https://makeeveryvotecount.com/> - February 2018)

In the last seven presidential elections, CT has given all of its electoral votes to the Democratic candidate. Therefore, under the winner-take-all system, Connecticut votes for the Republican candidate have not mattered. Under the Compact proposed in H.B. 521, votes for the candidate of either party will matter equally.

For all of the above reasons, I support H.B. 5421.

Sincerely,

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