

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

I am a member of Democracy Awakens, a grassroots volunteer movement in Litchfield County, CT, working to urge the Connecticut General Assembly to join National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. I want my vote for U.S. President to count!

I support H.B. No. 5421, An Act Adopting the Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by Popular Vote. I believe that H.B. 5421 is the only fair way to vote in a Presidential election for the following reasons:

The Compact is non-partisan with the President elected by popular vote just as are winners in the Connecticut General Assembly;

The Compact is endorsed by the League of Women Voters a bipartisan organization;

As some states are predictably red or blue, candidates tend to ignore campaigning there;

Article II of the Constitution gives exclusive power to the states to choose their electors; "Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a number of Electors." The winner take all method was not adopted until the 1820's;

The Compact eliminates the problem of battle ground states vs. spectator states. With one person one vote, candidates will pay attention to small towns and rural areas;

There will be a more equitable distribution of federal grant dollars;

The NPVIC has been considered by the CT General Assembly six times over the past decade. It was voted out of the GAE Committee on bipartisan votes until 2017. It passed the House in 2009. The Compact has received bipartisan support in many states including CA, HI, IL, MA, MD, NJ, NY, RI, VT, WA, and the District of Columbia representing 165, or 61%, of the 270 electoral votes needed for the Compact to take effect. (Making Every Vote Count, CT Voter Survey, February 6, 2018.)

Respectfully,

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