

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

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 5421, the bill to have Connecticut join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. The Compact is a nonpartisan solution to make everyone's vote for president matter — regardless of whether they live in blue, red or battleground states.

My reasons for supporting the National Popular Vote are simple - I want my vote to count as much as the vote of any other citizen and I want candidates for the office of President to consider my concerns as seriously as those of residents of battleground states. Today, that is not the case. In practice, we do not have an effective system that honors the principle of "one person, one vote". Presidential candidates are focused on pleasing residents of swing states; analysts are focused on swing state issues. My vote and Connecticut's needs are given no attention.

You can change this. You can ensure that we have a more equitable system for electing the President. The President should be elected the same way you are elected - the vote of every citizen matters equally and every vote counts.

I strongly support the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. I want you to support it as well. I want you to demonstrate that you believe my vote should count as much as every other vote. I want you to demonstrate that you believe Connecticut is as important as any other state.

Sincerely,
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