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**SUPPORT----HB 5421**

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

I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 5421, AA Adopting the Interstate Compact to Elect the President of the United States by National Popular Vote.

**The presidential candidate who wins the most votes nationally should be elected president.** This is not a partisan proposal but rather one that affirms our country's dedication to "One person, one vote"—regardless of the geographic location of our voters. Joining together with other states in the National Popular Vote Compact and casting our electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote is the most sensible, fair, and effective way to assure that the candidate most favored by U.S. voters becomes our president.

**Removes the influence of gerrymandering from the presidential race.** Because every voter's vote would be included in tallying the popular vote, the National Popular Vote Compact would eliminate the "gerrymandering effect" throughout the nation in the presidential race. No more winner-take-all states; no more safely partisan districts; no more unequal representation in the vote for president. Because every vote in every voting jurisdiction would count equally throughout the country, each state would add its presidential election results to those of other states to determine the popular vote winner. Presidential electors would cast their Electoral College votes to the national winner, as allowed in our Constitution.

**Geographic location of voters should not determine election of the U.S. President.** Our president should represent the interests of all U.S. citizens, whether they live in rural or urban locations, southern, western, or northern states, red or blue states.

We are a truly mobile society where today's New Englanders are tomorrow's Southerners. Their concerns transcend state borders. They want a safe, secure country, a clean environment, meaningful job options, and affordable health care, all of which are increasingly national—and international—in scope. Our president should be elected to address the concerns of the citizens of the entire nation.

Please vote YES on HB 5421 and on all similar bills so that Connecticut may join the 10 other states in the National Popular Vote Compact and elect the winner of the national popular vote as our president.

Respectfully,  
Carole Young-Kleinfeld