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Co-chairs Fox, Flexer and McLachlan and distinguished members of the GAE Committee:

My name is Lizabeth Zlatkus. I am from Glastonbury, CT. I have lived in CT since 1981.

I am writing in support of proposed House Bill No. 5421, *An Act Adopting The Interstate Compact To Elect The President By National Popular Vote*.

1. I support the commentary by the League of Women voters endorsed the Compact in 2010 stating, “We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished.”
2. Living in CT for over 30 years has been frustrating regarding presidential elections as I have often felt my vote doesn’t count. Candidates ignore Connecticut because it’s reliably blue, just as they ignore other predictably Republican and Democratic states. Of the nearly 400 general election campaign events in 2016, 94% were held in the 12 battleground states; only one was held in CT.
3. 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—and to make the winner the candidate who receives the most votes, just the way members to the CT General Assembly are elected. From what I have read it is supported by a majority of Democrats and Republicans alike. It seems there is not any good reason not to support it.
4. This is not about the recent election. This bill has been introduced and passed in other states. It is time for CT to pass it. Please give this due consideration so that every citizen would have more faith that their votes count.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Lizabeth Zlatkus