



GAE COMMITTEE

February 28, 2007

IN OPPOSITION TO HB #5989

An Act Concerning The Process For Issuance Of Absentee Ballots.

Good morning Senator Schlossberg and Representative Caruso and Committee Members.

I am Anthony Esposito, Executive Vice President of ROVAC. I am speaking today on behalf of 340 Registrars of Voters of Connecticut in opposition to HB#5989. I would like to thank the committee for allowing me to speak.

The present statute was crafted to curb practices which might undermine the validity and the intent of using Absentee Ballots. We believe that this bill removes the important provisions of the present statutes for tracking the applications, monitoring the numbers of them in circulation, and the listing of the names of persons who obtain such ballots. We do NOT believe that the present system is onerous nor does it restrict the ability of individual voters to obtain ballots. We do not see how removing lines 14-18 or lines 106-110 facilitate the process for any individual voter. We believe that those provisions were included in the present statute to safe guard the process, and should remain unchanged.