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**To:** Sen. Freedman, Judith  
**Subject:** Voting machine comments

Dear Senator Freedman,

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend the meeting at Norwalk City Hall, however, I would like to register an opinion. I find three negatives with the new ballots:

1.) lack of privacy

I do not expect to be threatened or influenced in my polling place but I consider it possible in some other venues. The officials who are there to help certainly can both see your ballot and can speak to you before you vote. I would consider this to be a weakness in the process and one that could be exploited.

2.) ovals on the ballots are larger than they need to be

This large size requires more time to fill them in. In a situation with multiple choices, valuable time is lost in filling out the ovals. Make them smaller with a stronger line around them.

3.) type size for candidates names should be larger and darker

Many people wear reading glasses and if these are inadvertently left at home, the information on the ballot is small and not easy to read. If a larger type size or a darker or bolder black could be used, ballots would be more legible.

Thank you for holding this meeting. I hope that my remarks will be added to those of the other speakers at the hearing.

Sincerely yours,

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