

Re proposed bill No. 5791 LCO No. 1396

An act concerning the regulation of entry fees or service charges for contests.

To the Committee on General Law;

I'm Carl Seeger Henry a songwriter from Newington, CT. In March of 2008, I heard about an American Idol Songwriting Competition and decided to enter one of my songs. Entrants competed for a chance to have their songs preformed by the finalists during the following television season. That exposure would be a tremendous songwriting coup. The song had to be submitted, online, as an mp3 audio file.

When I attempted my submission, I was informed:

From American Idol rules:

“You are not allowed to enter the competition if you or any of the Co-Writers are a resident of Arizona, Connecticut, Iowa, Maryland or Vermont”

I understand this law exists to protect Connecticut citizens from unscrupulous contest promoters. However, I would have preferred to make my own educated choice about entering this competition instead of having my participation made impossible because of state regulations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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