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Written Testimony  
Friday, March 20, 2009  
Judiciary Committee

### **Raised Bill 1090, AN ACT CONCERNING THE COLLECTION AND DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.**

The Connecticut Town Clerks Association values any new legislation that will aid in the protection of personal identification for everyone.

For many of our duties, the town clerks office acts as an agent to state agencies such as the Department of Public Health when issuing marriage licenses and the Department of Environmental Protection when issuing pheasant tags where state forms request social security numbers. We assume we will receive direction from each agency regarding their need for an applicant's personal information.

By raising this bill, it provides us the opportunity to address our concern of social security numbers included in documents recorded on land records. Although we try to educate as many recorders as we can, there is no statutory language prohibiting a document from being recorded with an individual's social security numbers included. Perhaps language directed to all recorders of documents recorded on land records will assist with the education of protecting personal identification information.

Respectfully submitted,

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