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**SB 1011 AN ACT CONCERNING REORGANIZATION OF  
CONNECTICUT'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION**

Good morning Representative Willis, Senator Bye, Representative LeGeyt and members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee, my name is Bill Jenkins and I live in Chaplin.

There are many cases where consolidation of like functions may make sense however in my opinion this proposed legislation does not fall into that category.

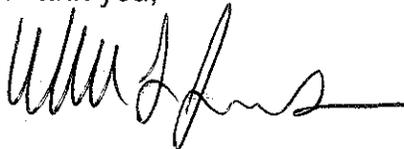
Institutions like Eastern, Central, Southern and Western have a significantly different mission statement than do the Community Colleges and Charter Oak State College.

Their student bodies, their priorities, their academic program and their campuses are drastically different and I believe that trying to fit them all into a "one size fits all" system of governance is a detriment to all of these institutions.

I'm the Registrar of Voters in the town of Chaplin. I'm also a member of ROVAC the Registrar of Voters Association of Connecticut. Chaplin is the 16<sup>th</sup> smallest town in the state with a population of 2250 and a grand total of 1330 registered voters. The needs and issues of my town are drastically different then those in Bridgeport and the larger cities in the state. ROVAC attempts to be a voice for all of us Registrars and as you can imagine, trying to come up with a common mission or set of goals that satisfies all the members is quite daunting and many times nearly impossible. I'm of the opinion that there should be two separate Registrars organizations, one for larger cities and another for smaller towns like Chaplin

I see this reorganization as a step backwards when it comes to managing Connecticut's institutions of higher education and would hope that you would not favorably report this bill out of committee.

Thank you,



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