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**Testimony of  
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**Concerning Raised Bill No. 1086**

**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE TO  
IMPLEMENT E-GOVERNMENT.**

**Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee**

**March 1, 2011**

Good morning Senator Fonfara, Representative Rowe and members of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee. My name is Kendall Wiggin and I am the State Librarian. I am here to speak in support of Raised Bill 1086.

When I became State Librarian in 1999 the official State of Connecticut website – ConneCT - was managed by the *ConneCT Management Advisory Committee* (CMAC). This committee was a collaborative effort between agencies and organizations across all branches of government and Connecticut's institutions of public higher education. CMAC was coordinated by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and sponsored by the Department of Information Technology (DOIT). Before that there was the State Home Page Advisory Committee. These early committees which the State Library actively participated on, were important to the development of Connecticut state government's early web presence. If Connecticut is to effectively implement e-government it is critical that we again use a collaborative approach as outlined in this bill. The e-government board will be critical to the successful implementation of e-government. The State Library actively participated in the state's early efforts at creating a web presence and I am pleased that this bill calls for the inclusion of the State Librarian on the e-government board. Staff at the State Library have experience in this area and I believe we can make important contributions to this much needed effort. The State Library also administers the State Archives and the Office of Public Records. E-government brings with it many new and challenging issues over long term access to government information, authentication, and preservation. These are issues that the State Library has been exploring and experimenting with. This knowledge will be important to the work of the e-government board.

E-government is more than a website. To be successful it will need input from agencies and staff throughout state government. This bill outlines a plan that will do just that.

I applaud the committee for raising this bill and I encourage its enactment.