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**Support: HB 5026 AAC The Secretary of The State's Authority  
Following a Declaration of An Emergency Or Major Disaster**

The Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut supports HB 5026 AAC The Secretary of The State's Authority Following a Declaration of An Emergency Or Major Disaster. The registrars believe that granting the Secretary of the State the authority to go to court to represent the interests of a municipality and its voters, in a local disaster scenario, to be a sensible and necessary measure.

However, the registrars suggest a minor change in wording for the sake of clarity in the proposed bill.

We suggest inserting the following sentence, as the second sentence of the bill:

"Such request shall come from the chief elected official of such municipality, in consultation with the registrars of voters and municipal clerk."

We believe that this addition will encourage local cooperation among all the parties concerned with smooth- running elections in the wake of a civil preparedness disaster.