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The Honorable Gayle S. Slossberg
The Honorable Russell A. Morin
The Honorable Michael McLachlan
The Honorable Tony Hwang
Government Administration and Elections Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2200
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Dear Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, Senator McLachlan & Representative Hwang:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak on SB 37 AN ACT CONCERNING COST SAVING MEASURES AND NOTICE OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS. I commend you for raising this concept.

However, I feel what you are considering does not go far enough. I believe changing the process by which we as legislators are notified of a special legislative session is the fiscally responsible thing to do in light of our economic status. While your proposal saves money by eliminating the first class mailing and allowing interoffice or hand delivery to the offices at the Legislative Office Building, it still requires marshals or police to hand serve if the call is under five days. I propose we further limit the use of marshals and police. It is unnecessary and impractical to have notice hand delivered to 187 different residences throughout the State of Connecticut. Each of us is granted staffs with who we communicate every day and many of us are in the Legislative Office Building daily. Thus I propose that notice of special session can be delivered to our residences and legislative addresses by a simple combination of email and robo-call. The state should not have to incur the added cost of paying for hand of any notice for a regular or special session..

I appreciate your willingness to consider my suggestion and once again thank you for hearing my testimony.


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