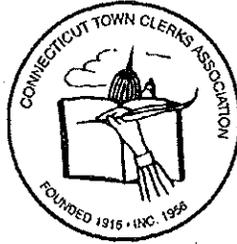


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Good morning Sen. Slossberg, Rep. Morin, Sen. McLachlan, Rep. Hwang and the distinguished members of the GAE Committee. My name is Essie Labrot and I am testifying on behalf of the Connecticut Town Clerks' Association (CTCA). I am the Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee for the Town Clerks' Association and the Town Clerk of West Hartford. I am here today to testify in support of **Senate Bill 214** An Act Concerning Permanent Absentee Ballot Status for the Permanently Disabled.

The Town Clerks Association has supported similar legislation in the past, and we are pleased to do so again with the changes mentioned in this proposal specifically that a ballot will be sent for each election instead of just the application. We believe that this legislation will offer some assistance and ease of voting for those who regularly require an absentee ballot due to a disability.

In addition, the Town Clerks' Association supports **Senate Bill 218** An Act Concerning Polling Places for Primaries. This legislation would permit small towns the option to reduce the number of polling places for a Primary Election. This legislation will permit municipalities to save money during these difficult fiscal times for towns. Our Association is mindful of the potential for voter confusion whenever a polling place is relocated but we understand this would be less of an issue for towns that have populations under 20,000.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Essie Labrot, West Hartford Town Clerk
Vice Chair, CTCA Legislative Committee