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**ROVAC Testimony in SUPPORT of Raised Bill No. 218**

**AAC POLLING PLACES FOR PRIMARIES**

I am Sue W. Larsen, Registrar of Voters, Town of South Windsor

I am here to speak in favor of SB218. As municipalities struggle to meet the demands of the residents, Registrars of Voters are also trying to keep their budgets as low as possible while still maintaining the voters' trust. With voter turnout usually 50% or less, primaries are an expense that can be reduced without disenfranchising the voter.

Fewer polling places will lessen the number of poll workers, reduce the number of tabulators and thereby reduce the costs of the associated memory cards along with reducing paperwork and supplies used at each polling place.

SB218 will affect towns with populations under 20,000. There are towns with larger populations would like to be included as well, but this may be a good first step, work through the details of implementation on a smaller scale. As with all changes, there are political ramifications but this bill appears to have accounted for this by allowing the candidates to have input into the decision.

Notification of a polling place change is covered by mail in the bill, however if a town has an electronic means of notification, this option should be included as well as this could be a cost savings measure to the town.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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