



GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of Raised Bill No. 5600, AAC The Registrars of Voters**

An Act Concerning the Registrars of Voters

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE Committee

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Section 1 (a) Internet access for all registrar of voters. Technology has given all of us a tremendous boost in communication. Internet access is necessary for any /registrar to efficiently perform all duties. It is very easy to put purchasing of tools necessary to administer elections on the back burner until a major problem occurs. The internet provides access to important information from the Secretary of the State's office to all Registrars of voters. Information which is important to each community and is a source for answering concerns before they become problems. Every Registrar in a large city or a small town in Connecticut must have the same internet capability and access to the same information.

Section 2 (b) I have concerns about the wording of "declaratory rulings, instructions and opinions". We need to be very clear about what is considered required. Declaratory rulings and written instructions are straight forward. Opinions should be a legal or formally written and signed opinion. Too many times Registrars have called and the answer to a question is dependant upon the person giving a personal opinion. If a Registrar of Voters knowingly does a procedure incorrectly, the SEEC is the proper channel to investigate and remedy. ROVAC just wants to ensure that it is very clear what the Secretary of the State is expecting from each Registrar.

Thank you for allowing this testimony.

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