

Chairman Musto and Chairman Jutila and Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

My Name is Matthew Lilly and I am President of ELECTEC Election Services, and I am here today to speak in favor of House Bill 6428 AA Enabling Towns check Voters in Electronically.

ELECTEC is a woman owned and operated Election Services Company established in 1983 with offices in Hartford, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Chicago; I have been its President since January 2006 and reside in Simsbury with my family.

ELECTEC provides people, equipment, services, and subject matter expertise to over 300+ jurisdictions in five (5) states on the East Coast, assuring that 4.5MM voters can cast their ballot in-person or by-mail. We support these jurisdictions with their election programming, voting machine maintenance, setup, poll worker training, ballot printing, supplies, and printed poll books.

We also conduct over 100 private elections every year for Unions, Home Owner Associations, Tribes, Churches, and Professional Organizations. Every week we are conducting an election somewhere in the United States.

We participated in the November 2011 pilot to test-run electronic check-in, three towns were chosen and our location was Simsbury. The test was conducted in parallel to the manual check-in, which only further emphasized the advantages electronic check-in has over a manual process.

Electronic check-in will enhance the processing of voters at the polling locations, prevent fraud, and reduce human error; it will also expedite the vote tallying and election night reporting. Processes that currently take hours on election night and several weeks thereafter can be done with the click of a mouse, without error. In addition, voter history, election-day totals and various reports can be sent to the Secretary of the State without delay, saving time and money.

Remember in the fall of 2011 we were a mess: Hurricane Irene blew through in September followed by the October snowstorm: storm carnage and power outages were everywhere; the stress on the Registrars and Secretary of the State was immense. In Simsbury, our Registrar had to consolidate all four precincts into one – the only location with power; these were optimum conditions for a test! Even under these difficult circumstances the successful outcome of the pilot can be witnessed by the legislation before the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee and I would be happy to answer any questions.