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**TESTIMONY**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2013**

**Proposed HB # 6157—An Act Concerning Personally Identifying Information On  
Certifications of Marriage and Death Records**

Good Morning Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Renee Weimann and I serve as an Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of Newtown CT. I am submitting this letter in support of Bill #6157.

My specific job within my office is that of Vital Statistics. It is my responsibility to maintain all birth, death and marriage certificates in an orderly and confidential manner. Since the events on December 14, 2012, it has become apparent that personally identifying information is too easily accessed through marriage and death records held in our office. Requirements to obtain such records include a form to complete, a \$20 fee and acceptable identification (ie: a driver's license).

Previous testimonies have discussed the accessibility of personal information and the fact remains the same—that no one except immediate family members, or specific agencies need the information contained therein on marriage or death certificates.

Bill #6157 seeks to amend the statute so that certain information is restricted from individuals other than the named parties on the certificate. These records should not be open to public disclosure and only available to certain individuals. It is my strong belief and fear that the disclosure of certain information would lead to identity theft or harassment of those named on marriage and death records. I support the concept of this bill as a means to protect privacy rights and deter the potential risk of identity theft among other fraudulent crimes.

In order to protect the sensitive information, birth dates, their parents' names, mother's maiden name, and addresses, to name a few, I strongly urge the support and passage of this bill to permanently amend the current statute, so that these records are **NOT** open to public inspection.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak and advocate for change.

Respectfully,

Renee Weimann  
Assistant Town Clerk  
Newtown, CT.