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Senator Musto, Representative Julita & Members of the GA, My name is Judith Beaudreau; I am an Election Administrator / Registrar of Voters for the Town of Vernon, CT. I am a past president of ROVAC and a member of two National organization called the Election Center out of Houston TX, and I am the Education Chair for IACREOT (International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials & Treasurers). I have just recently set up our certification in Public Leadership with George Washington University out Of Washington DC.

I was unable to be at your public hearing on electronic Audits because I was in San Diego, CA at an EVN conference which is a group of academics, mathematicians and folks who think they know everything about Elections and how they should be run. It is by invitation only and I am proud that for the last 5 years I have been invited to attend where we discuss issues regarding;

Audits of elections & equipment
End to End voting equipment for the future
Internet Voting
Ballot styles
Poll Books

I would like to submit testimony regarding the bill on Electronic Audits. SB 348 AAC Post Election Audits.

I believe we have a very strong Audit process. Stronger than most states. But we must continue to do audits to make our Elections transparent. Voters need to know. And We as Election Officials need to know that when we hold an Election that every oval on our ballots that voters present were counted & counted correctly.

Dong these by hand is ridiculous. There are machines and programs that will audit our ballots and tell us if our Tabulators are reading the ovals correctly allowing all voters ballots to be counted and counted correctly.

Our SOTS office applied for a grant from the EAC to get funds to give to UCONN to develop a machine that can do audits faster than counting by hand. It has been a long time and it is certainly about time to start to do these audits.

There should not have to be a pilot program to see if it works. I have personally had my ballots done by UCONN and have not had any complications. After all we are NOT looking for votes. We are auditing our ballots that went through the Tabulator. Due to our laws we are not allowed to look for votes. This is not the type of Audit that Connecticut conducts.

SOTS seems to feel that a pilot test is required. Why? If the UCONN program does not work that we continue to do by hand. Have also used another company out of state to do my ballots and they were also right on. It is time that CT moves into this century.

I want you to know that there are **no standards** for Electronic Audit Machines or programs. There is **no certification** programs for Electronic Audit Machines or programs.

The EAC (Election Administration Commission) if they ever get the new commissioners appointed from Congress will address that in the future.

I have supplied you with the Report & Recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration. They were appointed last year – traveled the US listening to Election Officials. If you look on page 66 - 67 they have recommended that we all do Audits of all of our equipment.

We should if we are doing an Audit Electronically, to do the whole ballot rather than picking out just a couple of offices to do. No reason for Municipal Clerks to be involved in this process at all. As far as reducing the percentage – if we go to electronic who cares. It is all about the transparency.

Just in case you do not know this the UCONN project is not capturing the images of the ballots as other companies are doing. Unless they have changed since the last time I had my ballots audited.

We should also add into the mix of auditable districts “Central Absentee countin”. In cities this is a lot of ballots. In some cases almost as much as a small polling place.

We should also work with SOTS to have a certification for Electronic Machines that do Audits. We should also not be made to use just the UCONN product and allow Election Officials to choose the company they would like. Especially if SOTS says that UCONN is not ready we could get our ballots done by another company if we pass this law.

As usual I am available to discuss any information on Audits done Electronically.