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Written Testimony
Government Administration and Elections Committee
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RESOLUTION PROPOSING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PERMIT OVERSEAS MILITARY VOTERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WAIVE THE RIGHT TO SECRET VOTING IN ORDER TO VOTE BY ANY METHOD PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAW.

Good morning Senator Musto, Representative Julita, Senator McLachlan and Representative Hwang and the members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, the Connecticut Town Clerks Association absolutely supports providing members of our armed forces and their families with the most efficient and convenient methods to cast their vote. Should the legislation allow for these heroes to cast their vote in an unsecure manner, the Association would encourage this voting to be made directly to the Secretary of the State's Office at a centralized location. This is the manner in which many states currently conduct this type of voting.

In many town clerks offices, the fax machine also serves as a printer and copier to staff and the general public. Although the voter may be waiving their right to privacy, the degree of separation provided by a centralized location would go a long way to protect the intent of their civil liberty.

Respectfully submitted,

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