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Senator Musto, Representative Jutilia and members of the GAE Committee, my name is Sue. W Larsen and I am the Chair of the Registrars of Voters Association of Connecticut's Legislative Committee. I am here today to testify in support of HB 5480.

SECTION 1 9-5a Internet Access In all Municipalities: For Registrars of Voters, the proposed language changes pertaining to internet access in Section 1 of this bill is the most important piece of this legislation. Registrars need internet capability to be efficient and effective in today's technology driven society. The Secretary of the State needs to know that the Registrars she depends on for competent, fair and accurate elections have access to all the information critical to realizing that goal. Today, we still have several municipalities without internet access and that is not acceptable to the Registrars of Voters, the public that depends on us or the Secretary of the State.

Section 2 9-4a Posting of voter identification requirements: The posting of voter identification at the official checkers location is fine. Most moderators in the polling places put posters or similar type information in varying locations throughout the polling place. This requirement will make it consistent in every polling place, thus eliminating any confusion by the voters or the official checkers.

Section 2 9-3 Written Instructions to Registrars of Voters: Registrars of Voters rely on the expertise of the Secretary of the State's personnel. It is in the best interest of both parties to use written communication as the means of conveying the pertinent information and its applicable authority as it leads to consistency and accuracy- attributes vital to election integrity. Voters want to know that Ellington has the same election procedures as Greenwich.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on these important issues and I look forward to working with committee as a resource as you consider this and other legislation pertaining to the Registrars of Voters in Connecticut.

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