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**To:** GAETestimony  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Testimony - HB #6904 - AN ACT CONCERNING APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Dear Committee:

We, the Chairs of the ten Republican Town Committees of the 32nd Senate District are unanimously opposed to the passage of HB #6904. In a meeting held yesterday, we approved by unanimous resolution our opposition.

The voting errors that occurred in past elections causing Secretary of State Merrill to propose this bill have nothing to do with the Registrar system that Connecticut currently uses. It is a bi-partisan system that should not be changed due to the extreme importance that each "vote" means in our state and our country. Registrars should never be appointed - they need to be voted in, as are all other public officials. As long as the voting system entitles Democrats, Republicans, and Unaffiliated voters to cast their votes at each election, we cannot change to a "single" registrar that does not represent each political party. This change would also bring more costs in the form of unfunded mandates unduly burdening each town more than they can afford. If an individual registrar were to be appointed for each town, that registrar's political affiliation would ultimately come into play as being completely one-sided as to that party. This is completely unfair and would corrupt the entire voting process.

Signed:

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