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March 2, 2015

Government Administration and Elections Committee

OPPOSE: Raised Bill No 6901

An Act Minor Party Candidate Certifications

Good afternoon Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila, Senator Gerratana, Representative Alexander and the distinguished members of the GAE Committee. The Connecticut Town Clerks Association offers the following commentary regarding Raised House Bill No. 6901.

The Connecticut Town Clerk's Association offers its support to House Bill 6900 which also addresses Minor Party Candidate Certifications along with other much needed clarifications,

There are two difference between the two bills, resulting in the Clerk's lack of support for this bill:

First: This proposal would require the Registrar of Voter to verify and correct the candidate name as it appears on the ballot to that name as it appears on the voter registration list. The Clerks support having the candidate identify how their name should appear on the ballot.

Second: It eliminates the signature of the candidate, which we do not support.

Thank you.