



## CITY OF DANBURY

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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of **SB829**. Accountability is needed for those soliciting new voters.

In Danbury, during the last election, we were slammed with over 450 new registration forms delivered on the deadline by solicitors. Many of these forms were filled out in June by not submitted until the end of October.

Some individuals were unable to participate in the August primaries as a result.

While processing these forms we found many were incomplete (missing birthdays, addresses, etc.) some were New York residents using CT Forms and unable to register. We made every attempt to contact the individuals but were not always successful. If we received the registration forms in a timely manner this could have be avoided.

Many applicants called prior to Election to say they had filled out forms from a solicitation at different events and the cards were never turned in to our office.

Those soliciting need to be held to some standards of accountability. No one should be denied the right to vote because of a solicitor who holds onto their application for months or worse does not turn it in at all.

When complaining to the SEEC they could only say if we do not have the name of a solicitor they could do nothing.

I think anyone soliciting more than ten voters should have to fill out a form of accountability similar to those who solicit absentee ballot applications.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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