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Government Administration & Elections Committee
Co-Chair Senator Steve Cassano
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Re: SB 1051

Gentlemen,

I am compelled to testify in opposition to SB 1051 on the following grounds:

- * The Political Standard in the United States of America is the 2 party system.
- * Transparency and integrity are essential to the Election process.
- * 2 Registrars, one from each major party, insures transparency and integrity.
- * The system, as it currently exists, assures checks and balances.
- * In the vast majority of municipalities the 2 Registrar system has and continues to work effectively.
- * The cost associated with hiring a single Director of Elections, with a Bachelor's Degree would certainly be an increased cost to the Municipalities and an unfunded mandate.

While I can appreciate the Secretary of States concerns, I must state that the issues she is attempting to correct for exist in only a couple of Municipalities. Perhaps a more appropriate remedy would be required annual training and testing provided by the SOTS office in a digital format.

Respectfully,
Edmond V. Mone
First Selectman