

March 6, 2015

Good afternoon, Senator Looney, Senator Crisco, Rep. D'Agostino, Rep. Sharkey, and Rep. Porter,

I recently listened to Denise Merrill giving an interview expressing her desire to pass legislation on changing the status of registrars of voters from two to one in each town. The best way to keep things balanced, fair and bipartisan is to have a registrar for each major party. To have one registrar appointed by each newly elected administration every couple of years sets itself up for cronyism and voting irregularities, not to mention that untrained/inexperienced citizens would be running the complicated election process. It takes *years* to learn the job of registrar with its many rules and regulations.

It is also essential to have two registrars who work side by side, overseeing one another, while learning from each other. They work closely with town clerks and instruct assistant registrars and other election workers ensuring the election process remains transparent and thoroughly implemented correctly and legally by the established rules and regulations. For the sake of our democratic process, please do not consider changing the status of our registrars.

Sincerely,

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