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concerning Bill SB 1051

I have worked as the Democratic Deputy Registrar of Voters in Hamden for several years. I have watched Rose Mentone and Tony Esposito work hard, work together, and work with integrity. I am strongly opposed to Secretary of State Denise Merrill's proposal for one registrar of voters.

Two registrars (one from each party) are extremely important in running elections. There is much "detailed" work in running an election. Testing memory cards, preparing polling places (with necessary materials, equipment, workers, etc.), planning and conducting supervised absentee ballots (there are quite a number of facilities in Hamden), setting up tabulators, registering people to vote, and running the daily operations of the office, require this. What the registrars do on a daily basis - the attention to detail, understanding and following the law, the necessity for consistency in the office - two pairs of eyes - two party system has always proven to be very important.

I feel that a single, appointed registrar would be less likely to be non-partisan. And, that could lead to problems at the polling places as voters attempt to exercise their rights and civic duties electing those they choose to represent them!

Thank you for your time and attention.