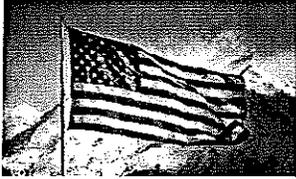


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Ref: Bill #5886



Hello,

My name is Don Donaldson and I live in Bridgeport, Ct. I am a Marine Corps Veteran that served this Great Country in the 70's. I am also 100 percent Disabled, Service Connected. I am a Life member with DAV (Disabled American Veterans), Greater Bridgeport Maine Corps league, 40 years in Scouting as a Youth and Volunteer, Bridgeport PAL, Member of Ashlar- Aspetuck Masonic Lodge and a few other organizations. I try and keep myself busy with helping others in my Great City of Bridgeport.

My concern in writing this letter is a House Bill #5886 that a few Politicians want to pass. From my understanding People that Work for the City would not be able to run for a (Political City Elected Office). That would mean Public works, Fireman, Policeman and other City Employees/Officials will not be able to run and represent this Great city. It's kind of hard to believe that a Bill like this would come up for a Vote. Some of your most intelligent men and women who serve our City would be left out of the Political lime light. These are people that work with the Public, that know our City in many different ways and many are highly educated. I feel these are people that you would want to be on your City Council or Boards. I can see if there is a Conflict with a Councilperson, if having that person placed on a particular committee would somehow benefit their position. For example, the budget committee or anything that deals with the allocation of money that would in some way benefit his or her particular job or department, then I would say not to put them on that committee and to place them on one where there would definitely not be a conflict of interest.

I know of one councilwoman that Works with the Veterans affairs office and is the Director. This woman is Very Dedicated to Helping us Veterans and Helping many through difficult times. She always has an open door policy and has a Great Love and Desire for helping our Veterans. You cannot find many dedicated people, such as she is and so Charismatic. Yes, as I mentioned, she is a Councilwoman and works for the City. She went through the proper chain of command to be elected. She was voted in by the people in her District. If there was a Problem with her credentials, I am sure she would have not been elected to her Duties, Serving her District. I hear from the people in her District she is doing an Outstanding Job and someone that they need. So, with this Bill that some politicians are looking to get passed, you will have an Outstanding Leader with Great Qualities in helping others/City to have to leave one of her positions. I don't even see a Grandfather Claus being presented in this bill, if it is passed. You would think that would have been added to this Bill.