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NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE***

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*Statement of Salvatore A. Bramante, Commissioner and Vice Chair
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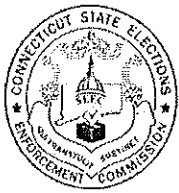
Good afternoon, Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor, and distinguished members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Salvatore Bramante and I am currently a Commissioner and Vice Chair of the State Elections Enforcement Commission. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to appear before you today regarding my re-nomination to the Commission. I am honored to be nominated by Representative Klarides to serve in this capacity.

In September of 2013, I was first appointed to be a member of the State Elections Enforcement Commission for an interim appointment, made by the Representative Cafero, subject to the consent and confirmation of the Connecticut General Assembly, which I eventually received. I have now served in that capacity for almost two and a half years and have found the experience to be both interesting and rewarding and I look forward to continuing if re-confirmed.

Before coming to the Commission, I served for nineteen years as a registrar of voters in the City of Hartford. Like the Elections Enforcement Commission, it is the duty of registrars to ensure the integrity of the electoral process, so the purpose of my appointment is something with which I am familiar, and have some unique perspective, which I hope I have brought to bear carrying out the important duties of the Commission. As a registrar I like to think I was helping democracy by getting voters in through the front door; now on the Commission, I help protect democracy by making sure illegal or dark money doesn't come in through the back door.

As I mentioned, I was elected by my fellow Commissioners to be Vice Chair, a role that in some ways has helped streamline the Commission's operations, in part because of the fact that I live locally. I am a Hartford resident. That means that when an authorized signature is needed for grant approvals, for example, or when we need to have an emergency meeting I can be there in person at short notice. I know the staff at the Commission appreciates it when they can get a Commissioner in the office in a pinch.

It has been a privilege to serve the State Elections Enforcement Commission and, if approved by the General Assembly, I look forward to my continued involvement in matters regarding



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election laws and maintaining the integrity of the electoral process for the citizens of Connecticut.

I am deeply honored to have served the voters of our great state, and look forward to the opportunity to continue. I appreciate your consideration and welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.