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Testimony of William Morrison of Old Greenwich (Greenwich) in support of H.B. No. 7392 - AN ACT CONCERNING VOTER PRIVACY.

Chairwoman Flexer, Chairman Fox, Vice Chair Haskell, Vice Chair Winkler, Ranking Member Sampson, Ranking Member France and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, for the record my name is William Morrison, resident of Greenwich, and I am offering this testimony in support of [HB 7392](#).

Thank you for holding this public hearing and the opportunity to submit testimony here today.

This bill increases voter trust in the election process.

I have been an advocate of consumer data privacy rights for years. The basic tenant is that a person owns all the personal information about him/her, not the parties that collect it.

The collecting party collects only what is required for the intended use and limits the use to that stated intention. The custodian protects it vigorously from misuse and theft. Additionally, other protections can include the right to have errors in the data corrected or one's Personal Information removed from the collection within short amounts of time.

HB 7392 goes a long way in the protection of voter's personal information. Voters expect CT will handle his/her personal information as intended. They expect his/her registration PI to be used only for registered political committees in CT and would feel betrayed if it were not the case.

The bill should go farther by including a statement in the voter registration form state-wide that describes what the PI will and will not be used for. It should also include a description of the penalties for non-compliance by any party that has been given custodianship of the data.

Thank you for this opportunity to support increased voter trust in the election process.

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