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Chairs and members of the Committee, my name is Luther Weeks, Executive Director of CTVotersCount, a Certified Moderator, and a Computer Scientist.

I am also Executive Director of the Connecticut Citizen Election Audit <http://CTElectionAudit.org>, where we organize citizens to independently observe and report on Connecticut's post-election audits. We also occasionally perform our own independent audits of various aspects of the Connecticut's election system. We are completely volunteer powered.

One of our goals is to audit the integrity of the ballot and race totals posted on the Election Night Reporting system. Randomly selecting data from local Moderator's Returns to compare to the results posted online. To accomplish that we need our volunteers to capture data from Municipal Clerk's offices around the state, at most a dozen pages from each randomly selected voting district. That data needs to be verified by photos or scans of those pages.

The current fees are a cost few of our volunteers are willing to pay, in addition to the many volunteer hours they dedicate to observing audits across Connecticut.

Thank you