Chairs and members of the Committee, my name is Luther Weeks, Executive Director of
CTVotersCount, a Certified Moderator, and a Computer Scientist. For two elections, I led the
Election Day Registration team in Glastonbury.

This bill is an example of an elimination of a civil rights violation and unnecessary work to
avoid, all but non-existent, risks.

I thank the Committee for proposing this bill which would cure a serious civil rights
violation that has in fact happened in 2014, 2016, and 2018! I brought this to the attention of
the Committee in 2016 and 2018. Reference: My testimony in 2016 on S.B.250:
https://tinyurl.com/EDR2016 for details on why this is a clear civil rights violation.

Voting Rights and Civil Rights demand that all citizens and voters be treated equally and have an
equal right to vote!

The main objection to similar bills in the past has been from officials who are challenged by
the difficulties in complying with the cross-check requirements in the law, especially after
8:00pm. Those cross-check requirements are also the prime cause of the long, slow EDR
lines.

I applaud that this bill eliminates the cross-check altogether. Then Connecticut would join
the vast majority of other states with EDR that do not have and have never had a cross-check.
They have had no problems of significant illegal voting. That is why they have no cross-check.
Those states accept voters’ word under threat of perjury that they have not already voted.

Cross-check is aimed at perceived risks of individuals voting more than once or otherwise
illegally registering. There is no evidence of either occurring in Connecticut, except perhaps in
very rare circumstances.

If a person were to register or vote illegally, that can usually be detected after the fact, resulting
in significant fines or jail time. That is quite a deterrent, likely part of the reason such violations
are rare or non-existent.

I recommend going one step further. Without the cross-check, voters should cast their ballots
directly to a scanner. This would have multiple benefits 1) Voters would be notified if they over-
voted (especially likely for new voters), 2) Officials would be saved the arduous processing of
the envelopes late into the evening, and 3) EDR results would be available sooner.

Thank you