

**Testimony in OPPOSITION to**  
**HB-5540** AAC CERTAIN AUTHORITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE  
**HB-6325** AAC THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE, ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND  
ELECTION AUDITS

March 24, 2021 Public Hearing

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Dear GAE Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Flexer and Rep. Fox, Vice Chairs Sen. Haskell and Rep. Thomas, and Ranking Members Sen. Sampson and Rep. Mastrofrancesco and Members of the GAE Committee,

I am writing in opposition to **HB-5540** AAC CERTAIN AUTHORITIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE  
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I oppose **HB-5540** because it does not allow the Secretary of State to react quickly when there is a circumstance like we just had...the pandemic.

Why would you vote in a bill that could ultimately make it difficult for people in CT to vote? It has been proven that more people vote when they are given the option of absentee ballots. I oppose any bill that suppresses our right to vote.

Sincerely,  
Jamie Forbes  
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