

Testimony TO OPPOSE

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 oppose the bills:

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HB 6325 is a thinly veiled attempt at voter suppression. It will cause the voter to be unsure whether her absentee ballots has been counted or has been invalidated by some small error of which she would not be made aware.

HB-5540 will undermine confidence in our elections and diminish the authority of the Secretary of State, as it seeks to replace centralized responsibility for elections with inefficient micromanagement of elections.

Connecticut should be at the vanguard of empowering all people to exercise their voting rights freely, not turning regressing with restrictive legislation such as these.

Thank you for your consideration.

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