

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 oppose **HB-5540**. This bill would replace centralized responsibility for elections with decentralized and less efficient management of elections. CT needs to build confidence in our election system. This bill would undermine confidence in the election process. In addition, we need to allow the Secretary of the State the authority to react quickly to changing situations, as was done during the pandemic.

I oppose **HB6325** because it is likely to disenfranchise voters. Its intention is to make absentee ballots less accessible and more likely to be invalidated and does so without sufficient protections for voters.

Sincerely,

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