



## Connecticut Republican Assembly

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### **Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 301. AN ACT CONCERNING BIPARTISAN REVIEW OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS**

Dear Chairmen and Members of the Governmental Administration and Elections Committee,

This testimony is in SUPPORT for SB 301. What took place through our legislature under COVID should have had bipartisan action in any emergency declaration issues which in fact did not; what the citizens of Connecticut have dealt with and continue to deal with COVID is unexcusable.

The bill should be enacted:

(b) (1) Any declaration issued pursuant to this section shall become 5 effective upon its filing with the Secretary of the State and with the 6 clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate. The declaration shall 7 state the nature of the public health emergency, the political 8 subdivisions or geographic area subject to the declaration, the 9 conditions that have brought about the public health emergency, the 10 duration of the public health emergency and the public health authority 11 responding to the emergency. Any such declaration issued by the 12 Governor may be disapproved and nullified by majority vote of a 13 committee consisting of the president pro tempore of the Senate, the 14 speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority and minority 15 leaders of both houses of the General Assembly, [and] the 16 cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of 17 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public 18 health and two additional members of the General Assembly, one 19 appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives and 20 one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate. Such disapproval 21 shall not be effective unless filed with the Secretary of the State not later 22 than seventy-two hours after the filing of the Governor's declaration 23 with the Secretary of the State.

It is of critical importance to have bipartisan representation.

Vote Yes on this bill.

Sincerely,  
Anne Manusky, President  
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