TrueVoteCT Press Release

Public Urged to Attend February 14th Hearing on Bill 55 that Requires Voting Verification in CT

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## For Immediate Release:

TrueVoteConnecticut urges all Connecticut citizens to attend the February 14th hearing on Senate Bill 55 in support of a voter-verified paper audit trail for the electronic voting machines soon to be selected for the state. At present, no verification is required.

Senate Bill 55 is now before the Government Administrations and Elections Committee, having been previously introduced in the legislature. The public hearing will be held Monday, February 14 at 11:00 A.M. in room 1A of the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

For more information, call TrueVoteConnecticut at 860-231-7428. or Visit TrueVote Connecticut at (<u>www.TrueVoteCT.org</u>).

Help us make sure that every citizen can vote and that every vote is counted!

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## **Editors Take Note:**

For nearly a century, Connecticut voters have used lever machines to vote. New federal laws mean replacing these lever machines with new accessible equipment. The state is now selecting a new system that Connecticut voters will use starting this fall.

New technology can provide access for all voters. But not all new voting machines have the safeguards needed to protect the integrity of our vote. A Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail allows that safeguard. It would ensure that all votes are counted and that a good oldfashioned paper ballot is available in case a manual recount is necessary.

Surprisingly, Connecticut does not yet require a Voter-Verified Paper Audit Trail. But Senate Bill 55 will require it. The bill is now before the Government Administrations and Elections committee.