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As Connecticut adopts new voting technology this year, it's imperative that the public has complete confidence in the integrity of the voting system. That's why I'm pleased that the General Assembly approved my proposal to require an audit of election results from 10% of all polling places in future elections. Once the bill is signed into law, Connecticut would join 12 other states that require election audits. But Connecticut's law would stand alone as the toughest and most thorough in the nation.

Also this week, at my request, Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal issued a formal opinion as to whether Connecticut's "Voter Bill of Rights" requires municipalities to provide a voting system accessible to the individuals with disabilities in each polling place in all elections, including the 2007 elections.

Attorney General Blumenthal has concluded that Connecticut law grants voters with disabilities, "... the right to vote privately and independently, and requires all polling places to provide a voting system that provides such private and independent access by physically disabled voters." ([Click here to read the Attorney General's opinion in its entirety](#)).

I appreciate Attorney General Blumenthal's thoughtful opinion on this important civil rights matter. There is, of course, much work to be done before Election Day to ensure that local registrars and poll workers are properly trained and that all voters know their rights.

Finally, this month my office marked the grand re-opening of its Commercial Recording Division's Customer Service Center. Located on the 1st floor of 30 Trinity Street in Hartford, this one-stop shop will provide more efficient service to an estimated 20,000 individuals and businesses this year. Last year, the Commercial Recording Division received and processed more than 300,000 requests for information online, over the phone and in person. ([Click here to read an article in the Hartford Business Journal about the new Service Center](#)).

Sincerely,

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