

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** SB-1168

AN ACT PROVIDING A SAFEGUARD TO CONTRIBUTORS ON ONLINE  
POLITICAL FUNDRAISING PLATFORMS RELATED TO AUTOMATICALLY

**Title:** RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS.

**Vote Date:** 3/19/2025

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable Substitute

**PH Date:** 3/14/2025

**File No.:**

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections Committee  
Sen. Mae Flexer, 29<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

There has been a growing concern over the previous election cycles over the nature of how political donations are sourced. Some fundraising platforms have obscured the fact that some one-time donations people make are recurring. These individuals contribute a portion of funds, believing they are a one-time donation, and accidentally donating a lot more than they originally wanted to contribute. This bill would prohibit automatic contributions for political fundraising without the affirmed consent of contributors. It would also seek to improve transparency in the realm of campaign finance.

**SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE:**

The substitute language adds a provision that allow an individual to donate an additional contribution to a political fundraising platform that asks for a voluntary donation to the platform itself for the operations of the platform. This is in response due to current statutes not providing enough clarity on if this is currently allowed.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

None Expressed.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Pamela Klem, Campaign Finance Specialist, League of Women Voters of Connecticut:**

Testified in support of SB 1168 as they believe it would increase transparency in the political fundraising process. They believe that the current default of passive inaction or the failure to uncheck a precheck box would not be considered as affirmative consent under this bill.

**Jennifer Damon:**

This is only the first step in many that address the problem of automatic contributions for political fundraising. I have included in my testimony an article on ActBlue and how unsafe automatic recurring contributions are especially for those over the age of 70.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed

**Reported by: Pamela Bianca**

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