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**House Bill 5214, An Act Concerning the Use of Hand-Held Mobile
Telephones or Mobile Electronic Devices by Certain Employees of the
Judicial Branch**

Good afternoon. My name is Deborah Fuller and I appear before you today on behalf of the Judicial Branch to testify in support of *H. B. 5214, An Act Concerning the Use of Hand-Held Mobile Telephones or Mobile Electronic Devices by Certain Employees of the Judicial Branch*, which was submitted as part of our legislative package.

This bill would add two categories of Judicial Branch employees to the list of those who are excepted from the ban on using a hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call while operating a motor vehicle - juvenile probation officers and detention transportation workers. The current statute contains an exception for firefighters, ambulance and emergency vehicle operators and peace officers, which includes, among others, police officers, state marshals, judicial marshals in the performance of their duties and adult probation officers. This proposal would allow juvenile probation officers and detention transportation workers to use a hand-held phone in the event that an emergency arises when they are transporting a child or youth, as it may not be feasible to use a hands-free device.

I urge the Committee to act favorably on this proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.