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**House Bill 5787, An Act Concerning Notification of  
the Issuance of Rearrest Warrants**

Good morning. My name is Deborah Fuller and I appear before you today on behalf of the Judicial Branch to testify on *House Bill 5787, An Act Concerning Notification of the Issuance of Rearrest Warrants*. The Judicial Branch has some concerns with this proposal, as set out below.

Section 1 of the proposal would mandate that the undersecretary of the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) inform the chief elected official of each municipality of the number of rearrest warrants (FTA warrants) and arrest warrants for violation of probation (VOP warrants). It is unclear how the undersecretary will obtain this data. The Paperless Rearrest Warrant Notification (PRAWN) system does contain the FTA warrants, but OPM does not currently have access to that system. If OPM can obtain PRAWN access, the system should be able to create a summary report of these warrants outstanding, sorted by the defendants' address. VOP warrants, however, are currently not in the PRAWN system, and would have to be provided by the Judicial Branch's Court Support Services Division (CSSD).

Regarding section two of the bill, I would like to respectfully point out to the Committee that there are many towns that do not have a municipal police agency, but, are covered by a resident state trooper or state police troop. The State Police are not yet entering data into PRAWN, although they can access the data it contains. This proposal would require that the State Police enter data on warrants from their jurisdictions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.