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**Senate Bill 153, An Act Concerning The Interagency Task Force
On Trafficking In Persons**

Good afternoon. My name is Stephen Ment and I am here to testify on behalf of the Judicial Branch in support of *Senate Bill 153, An Act Concerning the Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons*. I should note that the language of this bill is identical to section 9 of Senate Bill 168, also entitled *An Act Concerning the Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons*, which received a public hearing yesterday before the Public Safety and Security Committee.

This bill would, in part, add Judicial Branch representatives - including employees from our Court Support Services Division and our Office of Victim Services - to the interagency task force. We believe that Branch employees could add valuable contributions and assistance to this task force, and thus support our inclusion.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.