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**Testimony of Stephen N. Ment  
Judiciary Committee Public Hearing  
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**House Bill 5819, An Act Concerning Harassment of Crime Victims,  
Compensation of Crime Victims and Waiver of  
Court Fees for Indigent Inmates**

Good afternoon. My name is Stephen Ment and I appear before you today on behalf of the Judicial Branch to address one section of *House Bill 5840, An Act Concerning Harassment of Crime Victims, Compensation of Crime Victims and Waiver of Court Fees for Indigent Inmates*.

We are opposed to the new language in section 2 of the proposal, at lines 72-75, which would waive the time limitations on filing a claim with the Office of Victim Services (OVS), because it is redundant with current statutory language. Section 7 of Public Act 05-249 allows OVS to waive the application timeframes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.