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**House Bill 6287, An Act Permitting Arbitration
of Child Support Matters**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on **House Bill 6287, *An Act Permitting Arbitration of Child Support Matters***.

The Judicial Branch respectfully cannot support this proposal. Arbitration in family matters is very new -- legislation allowing it was just passed in 2005. At that time, all child-centered issues -- custody, visitation and child support -- were explicitly excluded from those matters that were subject to arbitration. This bill seeks to negate the exclusion of child support, only a year and a half after implementation. We believe that it is too soon in the court's experience of dealing with arbitration in family cases to make this additional change.

In conclusion, we urge the Committee not to act favorably on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.