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The Honorable Senator Andrew J. McDonald, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Michael P. Lawlor, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Judiciary, Connecticut General Assembly
Legislative Office Building - State Capitol
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Written Testimony In Opposition to Raised HB No. 6818

Dear Co-Chairmen McDonald and Lawlor:

I am writing on behalf of Paramount Pictures to express our opposition to Connecticut Raised House Bill 6818, which is scheduled for public hearing Wednesday, March 21 before your Joint Committee on Judiciary.

This legislation could create civil liability for every motion picture Paramount has created, produced and/or distributed, as well as all yet-to-be-produced films, that depict or portray anyone, including public figures and deceased personalities. If enacted into law, HB 6818 could jeopardize any future plans we may have to shoot a motion picture in Connecticut because of the very real risk of litigation, including the risk of a court-order permanent injunction against the release or distribution of the film. While we are always mindful of our obligations to performers and to individuals portrayed in our films, we believe that legislation that could have been used to block an Academy Award winning film like *Forrest Gump* is neither necessary nor appropriate.

Paramount supports the memorandum in opposition to HB 6818 submitted as written testimony from our trade association, the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc., as well as the written statement of Professor J. Thomas McCarthy, Senior Professor at the San Francisco School of Law and Founding Director of the McCarthy Institute of Intellectual Property and Technology Law. I urge you and your members to review that material which has been submitted under separate cover.

Sincerely,



Scott Martin

