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**Testimony of Judge William J. Lavery
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**House Bill 7068, An Act Concerning Fees Charged By
Court Reporters And Monitors**

Good morning. My name is William Lavery and I am the Chief Court Administrator for the Connecticut Judicial Branch. I appear before you today to testify in regards to *House Bill 7068, An Act Concerning Fees Charged by Court Reporters and Monitors*.

This bill would increase the cost for transcripts of court proceedings. The increase for transcripts ordered by a state official or agency would increase by one dollar per page for original copies, and fifty cents for copies. This would have a fiscal impact on the Judicial Branch, as transcripts are paid for by the Branch when they are ordered by judges of the Appellate and Superior Court, court clerks, Sentence Review, the Statewide Grievance Committee, the Statewide Bar Counsel, the Office of Victim Services, and cases where a judge has granted a waiver of fees for indigent defendants or child protection cases.

We estimate that this proposal, if enacted, would cost the Judicial Branch in excess of \$100,000.00. Therefore, we request that, should the Committee consider this bill favorably, it be referred to the Appropriations Committee so that the necessary funding can be provided.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.