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**To: Sen. MacDonald, Rep. Lawlor and members of the
Judiciary Comm.**

From: Richard Hogan, Legislative and Regulatory Counsel

**Re: Testimony in Support of H.B. 7152 – An Act Concerning
The Recording Of Instruments By Town Clerks.**

Date: February 23, 2007

CATIC, a Bar-Related title insurance company is pleased to offer testimony in support of H.B. 7152 – An Act Concerning The Recording of Instruments by Town Clerks. This bill will enable town clerks to utilize electronic notations in connection with the recording of releases and assignments of mortgages and liens, to establish certain format requirements applicable to instruments for record and to provide for an additional fee for the recording of instruments that do not conform to such format requirements.

CATIC supports this legislation which has been the subject of negotiations between many parties. Incidentally, the Connecticut Title Association also supports this bill. The town clerks in Connecticut have been very innovative in moving forward with many technology initiatives. This change in the law will recognize the progress that they have made.

We ask that the Judiciary Committee move this bill along in an expeditious fashion.