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**House Bill 7408, An Act Concerning the Risk Assessment Board, the
Dissemination of Registration Information of Sexual Offenders
and the Sexual Abuse of Children**

Good afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support on *House Bill 7408, An Act Concerning the Risk Assessment Board, the Dissemination of Registration Information of Sexual Offenders and the Sexual Abuse of Children*.

The Judicial Branch respectfully requests that this proposal be amended to add a section to address language enacted last year that would require the court to provide the Department of Public Safety with a written summary of every sex offense that requires registration. This summary must include the age and sex of any victim of the offense and a specific description of the offense. We believe that the State's Attorneys, rather than the Judicial Branch, should perform this function. They are well-acquainted with the cases and possess the necessary information; the clerk's offices do not. We have discussed this matter with the Chief State's Attorney and he agrees that the function properly belong with the state's attorneys. We have also discussed it with the Department of Public Safety and they do not object to this change. Therefore, I have attached hereto, for the Committee's consideration, an amendment that would accomplish this. I urge you to include this in any substitute language that is voted out of Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Proposed Amendment to
House Bill 7408, An Act Concerning the Risk Assessment Board, the Dissemination
of Registration Information of Sexual Offenders and the Sexual Abuse of Children**

Insert the following after line 160:

Sec. 6. Subsection (b) of section 54-256 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

(b) Whenever a person is convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect of an offense that will require such person to register under section 54-251, 54-252 or 54-254, the [court] state's attorney for the judicial district wherein the offense was committed shall provide to the Department of Public Safety a written summary of the offense that includes the age and sex of any victim of the offense and a specific description of the offense. Such summary shall be added to the registry information made available to the public through the Internet.