



Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**To: Members of the Judiciary Committee**

**From: Lisa Holden, Executive Director of CCADV**

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**Re: HB 7313 - AN ACT CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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Representative Lawlor, Senator McDonald and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. I am writing to you as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV). HB 7313 – AAC Domestic Violence is important legislation that will provide additional safety options for victims of domestic violence. We support the portion of the bill (Section 6) that addresses electronic defense weapons; however, we do not support the other components of the bill because there is another bill soon to be up for your consideration that is more comprehensive. HB 837 –AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRIME OF STRANGULATION AND AUTHORIZING POLICE TO IMPOSE NONFINANCIAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE FOR PERSONS CHARGED WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

We applaud the Office of the Chief State’s Attorney (OCSA) for including HB 7313 in their legislative package. The OCSA, as well as the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association (CPCA), the Judicial Branch, the Office of the Chief Public Defender and CCADV are now currently in negotiation to modify HB 837 to ensure its passage.

In the end, this collaborative effort will bring a legal remedy that is beneficial to victims of domestic violence and manageable for the criminal justice system.

Thank you.