

Testimony of Concezio DiNino
Before the Government Elections and
Administration Committee

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Good morning members of the committee, my name is Concezio DiNino and I am a Supervisory Inspector with the Division of Criminal Justice. I am also President of the Division of Criminal Justice Inspectors Council of CSEA SEIU 2001. I am here to support Senate Bill 682, AN ACT PROTECTING THE HOME ADDRESSES OF INSPECTORS IN THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Division of Criminal Justice Inspectors are sworn law enforcement officers with full police powers as provided in Section 51-286 of the General Statutes. Division of Criminal Justice Inspectors work in the State's Attorneys' offices in each of the thirteen Judicial Districts and specialized units in the Office of the Chief State's Attorney investigating criminal cases. Due to the nature of our work, we come into contact with criminals and with some of Connecticut's more unpleasant residents; for that reason it is out of an understandable concern for our personal safety -and that of our families- that our home addresses are exempted from the State's FOIA statutes.

We share that exemption with police officers, judges, pardon and parole personnel, corrections employees, prosecutors, and other hazardous duty public servants.

It has come to our attention that a change in the Department of Motor Vehicles statute, Section 14-10 (e), allows judges, police officers, parole personnel, prosecutors, and corrections employees, the option to furnish their business address for the DMV to disclose. Division of Criminal Justice Inspectors were not mentioned in the statute, and so unless we are added to the list our home addresses may soon become public domain through the Department of Motor Vehicles disclosure policy.

I urge you to correct this oversight to protect the dozens of public safety personnel and their families from potential harm due to the release of our home addresses. I urge you to pass Senate Bill 682