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To: Judiciary Committee

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Re: Senate Bill 35: An Act Concerning the Registration of Sex Offenders  
House Bill 5033: An Act Prohibiting Sexual Offender Name Changes

Good afternoon, Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor and members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Linda Blozie and I am the Director of Public Affairs for the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Thank you for accepting my testimony regarding Senate Bill 35: An Act Concerning the Registration of Sex Offenders and House Bill 5033: An Act Prohibiting Sexual Offender Name Changes.

Sexual violence is common within relationships where domestic violence occurs. It is estimated that one of every seven women who report domestic violence have also been sexually assaulted. In some instances, it is not only the woman but also her children who have been sexually molested.

Domestic violence perpetrators are creative in the ways they try to disguise their abuse. So it would not be out of realm of possibilities

that an abuser would attempt to move and/or change their name to avoid registering as a sex offender and to avoid all other criminal and civil actions.

As an organization whose purpose is to end violence, we would like to lend our support to any actions and laws that can strengthen safety for victims while holding offenders accountable. Victims of violent offenses may experience effects that may persist for months or years. Because the effects of sexual assault can impact every facet of a victim's life, we must set into place protections to give victims back their lives.

Thank you.