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Senate Bill 322, An Act Concerning The Service Of Income Withholding Orders For Child Support Obligations

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch in support of Senate Bill 322, ***An Act Concerning the Service of Income Withholding Orders for Child Support Obligations.*** This bill would permit electronic transmission of withholding orders in cases where the employer agrees to accept service electronically.

Each year, the Judicial Branch's Support Enforcement Services unit issues nearly 50,000 income withholding orders. Electronic transmission will save staff and employer time, saves agency expenses, and most importantly, expedite the withholding of child support payments, which ultimately increases collections, and timeliness, for families in need.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.