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Judiciary Committee
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**House Bill 5837, An Act Prohibiting the Placement of
Delinquent Sixteen and Seventeen-year-old Children in the
Connecticut Juvenile Training School**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding **House Bill 5837, An Act Prohibiting the Placement of Delinquent Sixteen and Seventeen-year-old Children in the Connecticut Juvenile Training School**. We are opposed to this bill.

As the Committee is aware, the Juvenile Jurisdiction Policy and Operation Oversight Council (JJPOCC) was created by the Legislature last year to address all aspects of the impact that legislation raising the jurisdictional age of juvenile jurisdiction would have. The JJPOCC, which is chaired by Secretary Genuario, Representative Walker and Senator Harp, and whose membership includes all stakeholders, is actively meeting to work out the wide range of issues entailed in the implementation of that change. One of these issues is where 16 and 17 year olds who need to be in a secure placement will be housed. It would be premature to pass any legislation that would limit the options that can be considered by the Council. In order to do their job, they must be able to examine all possibilities. For this reason, we respectfully request that the Committee take no action on this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.