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**Raised S.B. No. 608  
An Act Concerning the Videotaping of Interrogations**

**Public Hearing before the Judiciary Committee  
March 20, 2008**

As in years past, this office supports electronic recording of interrogations as proposed in **Raised Bill No. 608, An Act Concerning the Videotaping of Interrogations**. We believe that this is critical to ensure that the process by which interrogations are conducted is fair and will enhance the truthfulness and accuracy of statements that are given as a result of that process. Our understanding is that the Division of Criminal Justice is currently undertaking a pilot program with respect to the electronic recording of interrogations and we encourage and support that effort. We would hope that as a result of this pilot that the Division of Criminal Justice will voluntarily advocate for and institute such reform procedures in a more universal and consistent manner prior to the next legislative term.