

**Judiciary Committee  
Public Hearing**

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**Testimony of Theresa C. Lantz, Commissioner, Department of Correction**

Good afternoon, Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Theresa Lantz, Commissioner for the Department of Correction and submit this testimony on the following bill:

**Committee Bill No. 6031, An Act Concerning Parole and Probation Transparency**

The Department believes this proposed legislation is unnecessary as we already provide this information. On a weekly basis, the Department sends an advance list of all inmates being released to the CT Intelligence Center (CTIC). CTIC forwards the information to Chiefs of Police and/or Resident Troopers of 169 communities and the 2 tribal nations. The report highlights sex offenders and other high profile offenders. The DOC Security Division also notifies the local chief of police of the impending release of Security Risk Group (gang) members.

The Department has concerns about providing information about the support and assistance the offenders are receiving. This could be problematic since much of the information is case specific and could entail disclosure of matters of a personal and confidential nature (mental health and substance abuse treatment). As an alternative, the Department could provide to local officials an inventory of support services under contract in a specific geographic area.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on Committee Bill No. 6031.