



**State of Connecticut**  
**DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**Testimony of the Division of Criminal Justice**  
**Joint Committee on Judiciary – March 24, 2009**

In support of:

- **H.B. No. 6697 An Act Establishing a Sentencing Commission**

The Division of Criminal Justice supports H.B. No. 6697, An Act Establishing a Sentencing Commission, and would respectfully recommend the Committee's Joint Favorable Report for this bill.

The bill would establish a sentencing commission as recommended by the Sentencing Task Force that was created pursuant to Public Act 06-193, An Act Concerning Criminal Justice Policy and Planning and the Establishment of a Sentencing Task Force. The Task Force submitted its report to the General Assembly in January of this year recommending the establishment of a permanent Sentencing Commission.

The Division of Criminal Justice had the privilege to serve on the Sentencing Task Force and would be represented as well on the Sentencing Commission proposed in H.B. No. 6697. Although the various parties who served on the Sentencing Task Force did not always agree on all issues, all would agree that the process was indeed a worthwhile and productive one that should continue.

The Division wishes to extend its appreciation to all who served so diligently on the Task Force. We look forward to the continued progress that would result from the continuation of this process through the enactment of H.B. No. 6697 and the establishment of a Connecticut Sentencing Commission.