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**House Bill 6058, An Act Concerning The Penalty For Engaging In
Conduct Resulting In Damage To A Mailbox**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch in regards to House Bill 6058, *An Act Concerning the Penalty for Engaging in Conduct Resulting in Damage to a Mailbox*. Under the bill, one who engages in reckless or intentional conduct resulting in damage to a mailbox would be guilty of criminal mischief in the third degree and would have his or her license suspended for a period of three months.

The Judicial Branch would be unable to implement the bill as drafted because the charging document and corresponding computer entries will not distinguish between this new offense and any other type of criminal mischief charge. Thus, there will be no way to identify which criminal mischief convictions result in a license suspension. In order to remedy this problem, we would respectfully request that a new, unique crime for the conduct in the bill be created.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.