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Middletown, CT 06457  
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Labor and Public Employees Committee  
Room 3800, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Raised Bill No. 6333  
January Session 2009  
LCO No. 2357

Gentlemen:

I urge you to reject The State of Connecticut's attempt to adopt and implement Raised Bill No. 6333, requiring employees of the Division of Scientific Services to submit genetic information to the employer. I am an employee of the Connecticut Computer Crime and Electronic Evidence Laboratory (CCEEL), located within the Connecticut Forensic Science Laboratory, Meriden, CT. Prior to my employment with the CCEEL I retired after a distinguished career exceeding three decades with a Connecticut municipal police department., with more than twenty years as a police detective. My pursuit of providing services to Connecticut's citizens and distinguishing myself from convicted felons will be crushed with the passage of Raised Bill No. 6333.

Appropriately, the State of Connecticut requires convicted felons to submit personal genetic data, which is routinely compared with samples obtained from victims of crimes and crime scenes. The purpose is logical, to compare known samples (convicted felons) with items of evidence of crimes collected from victims or crime scenes. If a suspect has not been convicted of a crime the State regularly obtains a Search and Seizure Warrant form the Connecticut Superior Court ordering law enforcement to collect the genetic information.

The passage of Raised Bill No, 6333 will incorporate the employees of the Forensic Science Laboratory in the same database as the convicted felons and suspects who have been subjected to the mandates of the Court to submit their genetic information.

The passage of Raised Bill No, 6333 will violate the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution, specifically the unreasonable search and seizure without probable cause.

It is important to examine the language of Raised Bill No. 6333 to understand the serious issue addressed in the bill: "...for the purpose of detecting contamination of samples examined by the Division of Scientific Services, ...". It would be prudent to mandate the laboratory to implement and prevent occurrences of 'contamination of samples' instead of subjecting employees to unreasonable seizures of genetic information.

This Bill appears as a haphazard attempt to circumvent the laboratory's failure to maintain evidence in an uncompromised environment. The proposed Bill does not outline notification of employee(s) associated with evidentiary samples, does not detail the life span of the employee samples after the employment of the individual terminates, does not impose sanctions if the laboratory exceeds a cursory comparison of the employee's genetic information, and what reporting mechanism will be utilized if an examination of evidence associates an employee with the evidence (i.e. will the finding be provided to the prosecution and defense attorneys?).

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Respectfully,



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