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**Testimony of the Honorable Lynda B. Munro  
Chief Administrative Judge for Family Matters  
Judiciary and Human Services Committee Joint Public Hearing  
March 15, 2010**

**Raised Bill 448, AAC Applications for Relief from Physical Abuse by a  
Family or Household Member**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, on behalf of the Judicial Branch, on *Raised Bill 448, An Act Concerning Applications for Relief from Physical Abuse by a Family or Household Member*.

This proposal would change the statutory language describing what must be included in an application for a restraining order. As drafted, it contains an inconsistency. Line 19 would change the language from "statement" to "description", yet line 21 refers to a "statement and description".

We agree that the statutory language should provide additional guidance to the applicant. It would be very helpful if applicants made specific reference to events and incidents, and gave details about what happened, when it happened and where it happened. This would provide the judge reviewing the application with more specific information upon which to make a decision.

I would respectfully point out that under current law the applicant already swears to the truth of the statements in the application. The new language in line 20 requiring an affidavit is not necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.