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Testimony of
Warren Maxwell, Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer
before the
Judiciary Committee
on
H.B. 5539

“An Act Concerning Judicial Branch Powers and Procedures and the Criminal Justice Information System”

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Dear Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor, and members of the Judiciary Committee: My name is Warren Maxwell and I serve as the deputy chief U.S. probation officer for the federal courts in Connecticut. I submit this testimony before you today in support of H.B. 5539, which contains a small provision that an employee of the United States Probation Office, acting in the performance of such employee’s duties, shall not be required to pay any fee specified in section 52-259, as amended by this act, for any certified copy of any criminal record.

I note that the Immigration and Naturalization Service as well as the Federal Public Defender’s Office are already receiving these records at no cost. Although U.S. Probation is a national system, we are a small agency funded at the local level. It is my sincere hope that passage of this Act will better enable us to work collaboratively with the State of Connecticut to get these crucial records into the hands of our probation officers and Judges so that we may efficiently and effectively administer justice and promote public safety.

Thank you for your time.