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**House Bill 6588, An Act Concerning Domestic Violence and Child
Trauma**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony, on behalf of the Judicial Branch, on House Bill 6588, *An Act Concerning Domestic Violence and Child Trauma*. We are concerned that section 2 of the bill, as drafted, would have a fiscal impact on the Judicial Branch.

Section 2 would require the Judicial Branch's family violence intervention units to make available, through contracts with victim service providers, services that include the provision of trauma-informed care by a licensed professional counselor. Currently the Judicial Branch has a contract with the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) to provide services to victims of domestic violence; a network of organizations operating under the umbrella of CCADV provides the direct services. We are concerned that requiring that all counselors provided through that network to be licensed would significantly increase the costs of that contract.

For this reason, we urge the Committee not to act favorably on section 2 of this bill as drafted.

Thank you for your consideration.