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From: Paul J. Knierim
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Re: RB 1053 An Act Concerning the CT Uniform Adult Protective
Proceedings Jurisdiction Act

Date: February 28, 2011

The Office of the Probate Court Administrator supports adoption of this bill.

This uniform law seeks to address problems that arise regularly in courts across the nation when individuals involved in conservatorship proceedings have connections with more than one state. To address these concerns, the UAPPJA seeks to establish uniform and nationwide procedures for interstate conservatorships. The bill would:

- Establish a mechanism to determine which state is the most appropriate to act on a request for the appointment of a conservator, thereby avoiding conflicting proceedings in multiple states.
- Set up procedures to relocate a conserved person between states without interrupting the support and protection of the conservatorship.
- Authorize states to recognize the conservatorship orders of other states.

- Provide a mechanism to register out of state orders to ensure that the authority of a conservator appointed by another state is clear.

The occurrence of conservatorships involving multiple states is on the rise. The enactment of this bill is important to protect the interests of the disabled persons who are the subject of these orders, and to do so in the quickest, simplest, and most efficient way.

We have worked with the proponents of this bill to craft language that will meet the goals of the uniform law while making sure that it fits into Connecticut's conservatorship framework and protects the due process rights of individuals.

We urge the committee's approval.