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House Bill 6362, An Act Concerning The Transparency And Accessibility Of The  
Regulations Of Connecticut State Agencies

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch in support of House Bill 6362, *An Act Concerning the Transparency and Accessibility of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies*. As members of the Committee may be aware, the current process for publication and distribution of state regulations, which is handled by the Judicial Branch's Commission on Official Legal Publications (COLP), is paper-based.

Recognizing that this is an antiquated process, and one that makes it difficult to search for a particular regulation, the General Assembly passed Public Act 12-92, *An Act Transitioning the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies to an Online Format*. Section 15 of the public act established the Regulations Modernization Task Force, which was charged with developing a plan to make regulations easily accessible to the public. The Judicial Branch was represented on this task force, and appreciates the leadership shown by the Legislative Branch in passing this public act and by the Governor's office in leading the task force.

The Judicial Branch supports this bill, which is the work product of the task force, and in particular, section 1. This section addresses the period of transition from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The Branch recognizes that the transition to an electronic system cannot happen immediately, and would be pleased to work with the Secretary of the State to ensure a smooth and orderly transition to an electronic format.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.