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**S.B. 727, An Act Concerning Conflicts of Interest Under the Code of Ethics for Public
Officials and State Employees**

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila, Senator McLachlan, Representative Hwang, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony, on behalf of the Judicial Branch, on *S.B. 727, An Act Concerning Conflicts of Interest Under the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees*.

I would like to respectfully point out an issue that we have noted with the bill as drafted. Section 3 of the bill is overbroad and may result in significant unintended consequences. In particular, the section prohibits a state employee or member of the immediate family of a public official or state employee from receiving \$1,000 or more in a calendar year from a state contractor who receives 5% or more of its funds from the state. This would mean, for example, that a spouse of any state employee would be prohibited from working for a cleaning service that has a state contract to clean state buildings from which the contractor derives 5% of its income. We do not believe that this was intended by the proponents of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this concern.

**Written
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