

TO: MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

**FROM: JUDICIAL MARSHALS – INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF POLICE OFFICERS (IBPO)**

DATE: MARCH 11, 2013

**RE: HOUSE BILL 6446: AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL
MARSHALS**

The Judicial Marshals union is comprised of 800 men and women who provide security services in all of Connecticut's courthouses and prisoner lock-up facilities.

We are grateful that the Judiciary Committee has Raised House Bill 6446, a bill that would establish testing procedures for persons who want to be hired for or promoted to the positions of lead judicial marshal or supervisory judicial marshal within the Judicial Marshals system. Testing for hiring/promotion is very common in other public safety units, including local police officers and firefighters. We believe that the best and most qualified persons should be selected for lead and supervisor positions.

As of this date, our Union has entered an agreement with the Judicial Department whereby the Department has agreed to implement a new written examination process within the next six months. This is great news!

Starting now, we will work closely with the Judicial Department regarding the testing procedures and implementation, and we will inform the members of the Judiciary Committee of developments--because it looks very likely at this point in time that there will be no need to pursue the final passage of HB 6446 this session.

Thank you again for your consideration of our proposal to institute testing procedures for promotions in the Judicial Marshals system.

Please contact Attorney Robert Shea (860-989-5567) with any follow-up questions or comments.