

**Department of Correction**

**Testimony of Leo C. Arnone, Commissioner**

**Judiciary Committee**

**March 4, 2013**

**RE: S.B. 995, An Act Concerning the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch**

Good morning Senator Coleman, Representative Fox and members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Leo C. Arnone, Commissioner of the Department of Correction. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 995, An Act Concerning the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch.

Specifically, the proposed language in the bill permits the disclosure of information to the Department of Correction that is contained in an alternative sentencing plan or a community release plan completed by a probation officer. These plans will be utilized for inmates serving a term of imprisonment of two years or less that will be presented to the courts for consideration of a sentence modification.

Having these plans available to my agency allows for staff to better identify the needs of offenders and manage reintegration in collaboration with CSSD. This continuity of care and custody into the community lends itself to greater success of the offender, which is good public safety.

I recommend passage of the bill. Thank you for your consideration.