

April 14, 2013

Judiciary Committee

Room 2500

Legislative Office Building

Hartford, Ct 06106

Re: Raised Bill No. 6702 – An Act Concerning Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

SUPPORT for Section 1: Economic/Financial Protections for Victims in Restraining Orders

Dear Senator Coleman, Representatives Fox and Thomas O’Dea, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I, Barbara B. Holdridge, a retired social worker, and member of the Wilton Domestic Violence Task Force, urge you to support the proposal in Raised Bill No. 6702. This bill, No. 6702 is needed to improve the public policy of Connecticut by providing economic protections for victims of domestic violence as part of the restraining order proceeding. Over 37 states across the country already provide victims of domestic abuse with this guarantee of access to economic resources through restraining orders. Connecticut needs to provide the same protections to our citizens by amending C.G.S. 46b-15.

For these reasons, with the exception of the word, “ceasing” which should be removed from the bill, I ask you to support the language as currently drafted in Raised Bill No. 6702.

Sincerely,

Submitted by -

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