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Senate Bill 31
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TO: MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
FROM: CONNECTICUT TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (CTLA)
DATE: MARCH 10, 2014

RE: **SUPPORT OF SB 31 – AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUED DELIVERY OF
LEGAL SERVICES TO THE POOR**

The CTLA strongly supports SB 31 and urges its passage.

The CTLA recognizes the funding challenges presenting Legal Services. SB 31 merely seeks to keep in place the already inadequate funding received by Legal Services. All elements of society, not just attorneys, benefit from the services provided. However, it is attorneys and their clients, through court fees, which are helping Legal Services to survive.

As attorneys, the CTLA recognizes our obligation to support some of the most vulnerable people in our society which include the clients of Legal Services.

In the future, the CTLA would encourage the legislature to look at additional funding sources beyond the legal community to support for Legal Services.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SB31. Thank you.