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Chairmen Fox and Coleman, Ranking Members Rebinbas and Kissel and Members of the Judiciary Committee, the House Republican Caucus would like to thank the Committee for raising **House Bill Number 5526: An Act Concerning Delinquent Child Support Obligors**.

This bill is an important House Republican proposal to require the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement to establish a list of delinquent child support obligors that shall be made available on the Department of Social Services website. Such list shall include the names, residential addresses and amount of delinquent child support owed by the one hundred individuals in the state who have the highest delinquent child support obligations.

A number of Connecticut residents are struggling economically due to large amounts of unpaid child support. In turn, these families rely on the state of Connecticut for services that they cannot afford. The state also spends large amounts of money and resources tracking down people with outstanding child support debts.

House Bill 5526 would assist the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement in collecting outstanding debts without a significant cost. The state utilizes a number of tools to collect unpaid child support, and this registry would enhance Connecticut's efforts. A registry publicly listing the names of the top child support debtors in the state would serve as a deterrent for those who do not take their child support obligations seriously, and would encourage parents to fulfill their obligations to their children.

I urge the Judiciary Committee to pass Raised Bill Number 5526 to establish an online registry of delinquent child support obligors. Please allow the full General Assembly the opportunity to debate this issue and to pass legislation to improve transparency in our state government.