



**State of Connecticut**  
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**TESTIMONY OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

IN SUPPORT OF:

**S.B. NO. 489: AN ACT CONCERNING UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF AN INTIMATE  
IMAGE OF ANOTHER PERSON**

JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
March 24, 2014

The Division of Criminal Justice respectfully recommends the Committee's JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT for S.B. No. 489, An Act Concerning Unlawful Dissemination of an Intimate Image of Another Person.

This bill addresses what has become known as "revenge porn," or the dissemination, most commonly via the Internet, of intimate photographs or video files of a former spouse or intimate acquaintance. This issue is not unique to Connecticut; it is our understanding that several other states, including California, are considering legislation in this area.

Existing state laws address the question of voyeurism (although legislation the Division is also supporting legislation this year to strengthen those statutes) but they do not specifically address the conduct involved "revenge porn." The opportunity for those who would engage in this conduct also increases as technology and the Internet make instant and virtually unlimited communication and dissemination of images possible.

S.B. No. 489 represents a reasonable and appropriate response to yet another example of the negative side of what technology can produce. The Division of Criminal Justice supports this bill and recommends the Committee's JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT.

In conclusion, the Division wishes to express its appreciation to the Committee for this opportunity to offer input on this matter. We would be happy to answer any questions or provide any additional information the Committee might require.