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**House Bill 6774, An Act Concerning Adoption Of
The Connecticut Uniform Power of Attorney Act**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding **House Bill 6774, An Act Concerning Adoption of The Connecticut Uniform Power of Attorney Act**. This bill would adopt the Uniform Power of Attorney Act in this state.

The Judicial Branch is concerned with various provisions of the bill that speak to how a court action can be filed and pursued, and by whom. For instance, it would allow an agent designated under a power of attorney to file and participate in court actions – including litigation and alternative dispute resolution events – on behalf of the principal. Such broad authority would seemingly implicate statutory and Practice Book provisions pertaining to the unauthorized practice of law.

Therefore, the Judicial Branch respectfully requests that these sections be stricken from the bill, or amended to comport with existing Connecticut law.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this bill.