Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information
Testimony March 2, 2015
Government Administration and Elections Committee

6905 An Act Concerning the Awarding of costs fro appeals under the Freedom of Information Act.

Sen. Cassano, Rep. Jutila, Sen. McLachlan, Rep. Smith, Committee members:

The Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information opposes this bill because it appears to discriminate against the Freedom of Information Commission. CCFOI is not against awarding attorneys fees to people who take successful action against the government, but it should be done equitably.

This legislation applies to only the FOI Commission. The bill should be amended to apply to reimburse attorneys' fees to prevailing members of the public who have taken action against any and all state agencies.

Thank you.

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