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### **Testimony in Support of Senate Bill Number 1087 Judiciary Committee March 16, 2015**

Chairmen Tong and Coleman, Ranking Members Rebimbas and Kissel and Members of the Judiciary Committee, I would like to thank the Committee for raising **Senate Bill Number 1087: An Act Concerning Sexual Offender Registration Laws, Residency Restrictions for Registered Sexual Offenders and Reentry Housing.**

Improving sex offender laws is an extremely important issue. Senate Bill Number 1087, An Act Concerning Sexual Offender Registration Laws, Residency Restrictions for Registered Sexual Offenders and Reentry Housing, touches upon facets of Proposed Bill 6171, An Act Concerning Residency Restrictions for Registered Sexual Offenders and Proposed Bill Number 6170, An Act Concerning Enhancements to the Sex Offender Registry System, two bills I introduced this legislative session.

There are many changes necessary to enhance the laws regarding child safety and sexual offenders. The sex offender registry system requires continuous analysis and enhancements in order to provide the most accurate and updated information. The registry should require detailed information from registrants, including the name and address where the registrant is employed, the license plate number and vehicle description of any vehicle owned or operated by the registrant, and telephone and cell phone numbers of the registrant. The information contained on the registry should be verified by in-person verifications to provide accurate accounting of a registrant's physical location.

The improvement of registered sexual offender laws is crucial to the protection of Connecticut's children. The state's efforts to keep children safe must be an ongoing priority.

I urge the Judiciary Committee to pass Senate Bill Number 1087 to help bring to the forefront the need to strengthen the sexual offender laws within this state. Please allow the full General Assembly the opportunity to debate this issue and to pass legislation to improve transparency in our state government.