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House Bill 6877, An Act Concerning A Minimum Work Week For Persons
Performing Janitorial Work

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch concerning House Bill 6877, *An Act Concerning A Minimum Work Week for Persons Performing Janitorial Work*. The bill provides that, in certain circumstances, the minimum work week for covered employees shall be thirty hours per week. The Branch is concerned that this could have unanticipated consequences.

As members of the Committee may know, the Judicial Branch both employs individuals who perform janitorial work, and also contracts for it. Often times, our custodial workers are part-time employees who work anywhere between 3 and 5 hours per day. Should many employees, or contracted employees, opt for a thirty hour work week, the result would be the elimination of positions - fewer individuals would be employed - so that we can stay within our budget for custodial services.

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