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**H.B. 5436, An Act Implementing Recommendations of the Task Force to Study
Methods for Improving the Collection of Past Due Child Support**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on **H.B. 5436, *An Act Implementing Recommendations of the Task Force to Study Methods for Improving the Collection of Past Due Child Support***. The Judicial Branch supports Section 1 of the bill, as proposed. This section would require the State Marshal Commission to implement policies and procedures to increase state marshal participation in the service of *capias mittimus* (civil arrest warrant) orders. In 2015, only 21 out of approximately 300 state marshals executed any child support *capias* orders. With anticipated budget cuts impacting both the Judicial Branch and the Department of Social Services, we anticipate a greater reliance on state marshals to serve these orders. Ensuring that a minimum percentage of the state marshals engage in the service of *capias mittimus* orders is important, as the enforcement of these orders is necessary to maintain the court's authority to compel the appearance of individuals in non-criminal proceedings.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.