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**Testimony to the Committee on Judiciary  
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**SB 442. AN ACT CONCERNING A VICTIM'S RIGHT TO BE REASONABLY  
PROTECTED FROM A PERSON ACCUSED OF COMMITTING A CRIME.**

The Connecticut Police Chiefs Association requests that Section 4 of SB 442 not be included.

54-222a already states the actions that a police officer must do in relation to a victim. Notifying a victim about the Office of Victim Services allows a victim to obtain information.

Requiring an officer to notify each victim of the seven (7) items of information will create an unnecessary cost and put a burden on the police department. Police departments make thousands of arrests. The requirement that each victim be provided all the details enumerated in the bill increases costs and liability to each community.