



State of Connecticut
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

TESTIMONY OF THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

IN SUPPORT OF:

**S.B. No. 119 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY
HOARDING**

JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

March 1, 2016

The Division of Criminal Justice respectfully recommends the Committee's JOINT FAVORABLE Report for S.B. No. 119, An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Hoarding. The Division reiterates the position that it has taken in strong support of similar legislation in the 2015 Regular Session.

For the record, I am Judith R. Dicine, the Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney for Housing Matters, and I appear before the Committee today in that official capacity. Pursuant to Section 51-278 of the General Statutes the Division of Criminal Justice is responsible for the prosecution of criminal housing matters within the State of Connecticut. It is on the basis of our experience and resulting expertise in the investigation and prosecution of criminal housing matters that the Division supports S.B. No. 119 and stands ready to actively participate in the task force that would be established under the bill.

In conclusion, the Division recommends the Committee's JOINT FAVORABLE Report for S.B. No. 119. We thank the Committee for affording this opportunity to provide input on this matter and we would be happy to answer any questions or provide any additional information the Committee might require.