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**Testimony of the Judicial Branch  
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee Public Hearing  
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**S.B. 453, An Act Concerning Remission of Revenue from Certain  
Traffic Fines to Municipalities**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding **S.B. 453, *An Act Concerning Remission of Revenue from Certain Traffic Fines to Municipalities***. The Judicial Branch has some technical concerns with the bill as proposed.

Currently, the fine and Special Transportation Fund (STF) surcharge for the offense of blocking an intersection (C.G.S. §14-250b) are deposited into the STF. Should the Committee decide to act favorably on this bill, the statute that defines STF offenses, C.G.S. §13b-59(g), would need modification to avoid conflicting statutory language. It would not be possible to implement this bill without this change.

In addition, we would respectfully request that the towns to receive these funds be named in the legislation, which could be modified by subsequent legislation as needed. Monitoring changes in decennial census data is problematic because of the lapse between the time the data is compiled and the time of its release. Also, in the event that the towns change, it is unclear whether the town to receive the funds would be the town at the time of the offense, or the town at the time payment was made.

We would also suggest a change in line 24 of the bill, namely, that "all amounts received" be replaced with "the fine amounts received" to avoid conflicting statutory language. "All amounts received" is problematic as it can be misinterpreted to include other fees associated with the ticket that have alternate revenue destinations already established by other statutes.

Thank you for taking our concerns into consideration.