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OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

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House Bill 5247 – An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Auditors of Public Accounts

Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila, Ranking Members Senator McLachlan and Representative Smith, and distinguished Committee members. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony concerning ***House Bill 5247, An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Auditors of Public Accounts.***

In 2014, the Auditors of Public Accounts made a recommendation that the General Assembly add persons in charge of human resources within a state agency or quasi-public agency to the list of mandated reporters, who are required to refer allegations of violations of the Code of Ethics to the Office of State Ethics.

The Office of State Ethics supports Section 4, which amends section 1-101pp of the Connecticut General Statutes. Adding a reporting requirement for persons in charge of human resources strengthens our mission and goal of having ethical government in Connecticut. Ethical culture change is achieved through consistency – in education, in providing advice, in enforcing violations and in providing transparency.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals.