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Testimony of the Judicial Branch
Judiciary Committee Public Hearing
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**S.B. 443, An Act Concerning Notification to Victim Support Groups of
the Names of Victims of Domestic Violence**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the
Judicial Branch regarding *S.B. 443, An Act Concerning Notification to Victim Support
Groups of the Names of Victims of Domestic Violence*.

The Judicial Branch is concerned that the confidentiality of victims may be
compromised by a requirement to send their name to a third party such as a victim
support group as proposed by this bill. The victim's consent to send this information
should be required. Furthermore, it is unclear what criteria would be necessary for
"approval" to be on a list of providers.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.