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S.B. 467, An Act Concerning Municipal Implementation of
Criminal Justice Reforms

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding S.B. 467, *An Act Concerning Municipal Implementation of Criminal Justice Reforms*. The Judicial Branch has some concerns with the bill as proposed.

We would respectfully request clarification of the language on lines 40 to 45, and 58 to 63. This language prohibits an employer from considering records of persons convicted of crimes if certain time periods have elapsed since the person's "release from the custody of the Commissioner of Correction...". However, the vast majority of individuals convicted of a crime are not sentenced to time in the Department of Correction (DOC), so it is not clear what time period would apply to these individuals. An individual may have multiple convictions involving violence, but may never have been sentenced to serve time in DOC custody. We would ask that the Committee consider this scenario should you decide to act favorably on this proposal.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.