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**S.B. 473, An Act Concerning a Petition for Release from the Requirement to Register as a Sexual Offender for Life**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding S.B. 473, An Act Concerning a Petition for Release from the Requirement to Register as a Sexual Offender for Life. The Judicial Branch has a few concerns with the bill as written.

This bill could create difficulties for the Branch's Office of Victim Services (OVS), as well as for crime victims. Victims are entitled to request notification from OVS of an inmate's discharge from incarceration, or other change in custody status. Following the inmate's discharge, OVS would not have updated contact information for the victim, so would be unable to send notice at such time that a person applied for removal from the sexual offender registry. Additionally, if a person who was never incarcerated applied to be removed from the registry, OVS would not have the ability to locate a victim because the victim never would have been eligible to register for notification.

We would also note that the requirement on lines 276 and 297 that notice be sent by certified mail may be burdensome for the victim, as they may not be available to sign for or pick up a piece of certified mail during post office business hours.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.