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**Testimony of the Judicial Branch
Human Services Committee Public Hearing
February 14, 2017**

**H.B. 7037, An Act Concerning Improvements to
Income Withholding for Child Support**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today on behalf of the Judicial Branch. The Judicial Branch supports **H.B. 7037, *An Act Concerning Improvements to Income Withholding for Child Support***.

This proposal submitted by the Department of Social Services (DSS) was the result of joint collaboration with the Judicial Branch's Support Enforcement Services (SES) division and DSS.

The proposal will modify CGS Sec. 52-362 to require that an employer provide to the workers' compensation benefits carrier a copy of a withholding order with the employee's first report of occupational illness or injury. The carrier would be required to withhold workers' compensation funds and to pay any sums withheld to DSS's state disbursement unit, which will provide the payment to the dependent, the state and the support enforcement unit of other states, as required by the order.

The Judicial Branch believes this proposal will both increase the amount of child support collected for families and conserve SES resources.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.