



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
JUDICIAL BRANCH

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

231 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106
(860) 757-2270 Fax (860) 757-2215

**Testimony of the Judicial Branch
Human Services Committee Public Hearing
February 23, 2021**

S.B. 912, An Act Concerning Funding and Oversight of Fatherhood Initiatives

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding **S.B. 912, *An Act Concerning Funding and Oversight of Fatherhood Initiatives***.

The Judicial Branch's Support Enforcement Services and our Family Support Magistrates have been deeply involved with the Fatherhood Initiative for years. In recognition of its efforts, Support Enforcement Services was awarded the Leadership Award by the Fatherhood Initiative in 2019. While the Judicial Branch does not take a stance on the proposed shift in policy, we would request that the Chief Court Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee, be included in the membership of the advisory council contemplated in Section 1 of the bill.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.