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Judicial Branch External Affairs
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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter constitutes a request under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, C.G.S. §§ 1-200 *et seq.*, on behalf of our client, the Connecticut Immigrant Rights Alliance (“CIRA”). Because CIRA has an interest in the integrity of the Connecticut probation and parole system, CIRA submits this formal Freedom of Information Act request for the following records:

- 1) Records sufficient to disclose the categories of information contained in the Municipal Access – Judicial Electronic Bridge (MA-JEB) database;
- 2) Records sufficient to disclose the categories of information available to or shared with federal agencies, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and its component Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), through the MA-JEB database;
- 3) Records sufficient to disclose the procedures in place for federal agencies, including DHS and ICE, to access the MA-JEB database;
- 4) Records sufficient to disclose the procedures by which judicial branch employees respond to requests from, or affirmatively share information with, federal agencies, including DHS and ICE;
- 5) Records sufficient to disclose the protocol and procedures for probation and parole officers and staff to respond to requests for information regarding immigration status from, or share such information, with their superiors and with federal agencies, including DHS and ICE;
- 6) Any and all forms used to respond to request from or share information with federal agencies, including DHS and ICE, regarding individuals on parole and probation; and
- 7) Records sufficient to disclose the protocol for ensuring the confidentiality of individual records maintained in the MA-JEB database.

We agree to pay search, duplication, and review fees of up to \$100.00, pursuant to C.G.S § 1-212(b). If fees amount to more than \$100.00, we request a fee waiver pursuant to C.G.S § 1-212(d)(3)

because this request benefits the general welfare. The disclosure of the records requested meets the statutory requirement because it will help to inform CIRA and the public about the efforts being taken to protect the information of Connecticut residents and will increase transparency and trust between the Judicial Branch and the public.

Pursuant to C.G.S. § 1-206(a), we are entitled to a response within four business days of the Judicial Branch's receipt of this request. However, CIRA would be happy to discuss a longer time frame if the Judicial Branch requires more than four business days to respond to this request.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, please justify all deletions by reference to the specific exemptions of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act. In addition, please release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. We reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a fee waiver.

Please furnish all records to:

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Thank you for your assistance and attention to this matter. We look forward to hearing from you and continuing our conversation.

Sincerely,



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