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**Written Testimony Opposing**

**House Bill H.B. 5229, An Act Concerning Reimbursement for  
the Purchase of Dashboard Cameras with a Remote Recorder  
and Digital Data Storage Devices or Services**

Senator Larson, Senator Guglielmo, Representative Verrengia, and distinguished members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

My name is David McGuire, and I am the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Connecticut (ACLU-CT). I am here to testify in opposition to House Bill H.B. 5229, An Act Concerning Reimbursement for the Purchase of Dashboard Cameras with a Remote Recorder and Digital Data Storage Devices or Services.

The ACLU-CT opposes this bill because we believe that it is not in line with the underlying law's purpose of allowing police department to acquire new transparency technology (body cameras, Taser cameras and dashboard cameras). After Bridgeport police department's fatal shooting of 15-year-old Jayson Negron, many lawmakers and community members were dismayed to learn that the Bridgeport police department and a handful of other municipal police departments did not have dashboard cameras. In response to this revelation, the underlying body camera fund and accompanying legislation was updated to allow police departments without dashboard cameras to use the fund to buy such technology. This bill would allow municipalities that already have purchased dashboard cameras to access funding to update their technology. We oppose this change because it would deplete the fund without creating new transparency.

We respectfully urge this committee to oppose this bill because it would not create more transparency, which is much-needed in our state.