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S.B. 484 - An Act Concerning Grand Jury

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The Office of Chief Public Defender supports *S.B. 484, An Act Concerning Grand Jury*. The bill, as drafted, evidences the collaborative effort and entire agreement between the Office of Chief Public Defender, the Division of Criminal Justice, and the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (CCDLA). The ACLU also collaborated on this bill to ensure that important safeguards and data reporting requirements were included. As drafted, the bill does not alter or change the current grand jury scheme. The new process pertains to a limited group of property as defined. As proposed, the bill provides for a separate process which would permit certain property, as defined, to be provided to the state. While doing this, the bill contains important safeguards to protect persons subject to the grand jury process.

Therefore, the Office supports this bill as drafted and without further change.