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Bill No. 1092-An Act Concerning Compelled Disclosure of
Cellular Telephone and Internet Records

The Office of Chief Public Defender supports *Bill 1092, An Act Concerning Compelled Disclosure of Cellular Telephone and Internet Records*. In 2005, this office worked together with other criminal justice agencies to agree on what became C.G.S. §54-47aa, **Ex Parte Court Order to Compel Disclosure of Certain Telephone and Internet Records**. Since then, cellular telephones have become an item that everyone possesses, uses daily and relies upon to keep important information pertaining to one's personal, financial and professional lives. In 2005, it was unforeseeable that technology and usage would grow at the rate it did over to where it is today. It is incredible how much information can be gleaned from cell phones. The tracking ability of cell phones is endless through its programs and applications.

Therefore, this Office concurs with and supports the written testimony as submitted by the Connecticut Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and the Civil Liberties Union. Due to the unimaginable, substantial and unforeseen growth in technology, the internet and the explosive use of social media, the Office of Chief Public supports the requirement that probable cause exist prior to a court entering an ex parte order.