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**CONNECTICUT SENTENCING COMMISSION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON
NOVEMBER 21, 2013 AT THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING IN HARTFORD.**

(Hartford, CT) --- State Victim Advocate Garvin G. Ambrose announces a scheduled public hearing to be conducted by the Connecticut Sentencing Commission regarding the following bills that were filed in the 2013 Legislative Session: Juvenile Sentence Reconsideration Bill (HB6581), Certificates of Rehabilitation for defendants (HB6582) and Drug-Free School Zones (HB6511).

The hearing is scheduled to begin on **November 21st at 11:00 A.M. in room 2C of the Legislative Office Building, which is located at 300 Capitol Avenue in Hartford, CT.** Early sign-up for the public hearing will begin at 8:30am and conclude at 10:30am and will take place at the Legislative Office Building's 1st Floor Atrium. Others can sign up throughout the day on a list in Room 2C. Additional information regarding testimony and procedures can be found on the Commission's website (www.ct.gov/opm/csc) on or after November 1, 2013. Electronic testimony may be submitted to the Commission at any point prior to the hearing via email to: SentencingCommission@ccsu.edu. Please note that any testimony submitted for the public record will be placed on the Commission's website. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony.

"It is my intent to make this forum accessible to any crime victim who wishes to be heard on these issues; therefore, should you wish to testify in person, but have difficulty being present between 11am and 5pm, please do contact my office to voice your concerns so that I can attempt to advocate for an extended hearing if necessary," Ambrose stated.

In preparation for your testimony we have provided the links below to each of the 2013 proposed legislative items that are scheduled to be discussed. Should you have questions or concerns regarding any of these measures, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Victim Advocate.

[Juvenile Sentence Reconsideration Bill](#) (affects the eligibility for release of an offender who was under 18 at the time a crime was committed)

[Certificates of Rehabilitation](#)

[Drug-Free School Zones](#)

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