

Representative Leffler,

I am honored to have the opportunity to appear before your committee to discuss such an important piece of legislation regarding civil forfeiture. In advance of my appearance today, below are a handful of proposed changes to the draft I have reviewed.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Thank you.

Page 4: Insert at the end of line 14

**"Temporarily" is hereby defined as no more than two hours from the time of the seizure, unless the State has secured an Order from the Court extending that time, but such extension from the Court shall, in no event, extend beyond five hours from the time of the seizure.**

Page 5: Insert as a new line 10

**(h) All seized currency shall be deposited and held in an interest-bearing account pending resolution by the Criminal Division. The seizing agency may take photographs of the currency to preserve for evidence.**

Page 12: Insert on line 20 the following "the forfeiture is unconstitutionally excessive," **the Criminal Division shall first determine if a conviction is more likely to be secured by a preponderance of the evidence or has been secured. Only if the Criminal Division has determined the state has met its burden**, the Criminal Division then may consider all relevant factors including:

Page 14—line 10 and Page 15—line 12; Correct typo by changing “judgement” to “judgment.”