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Testimony for HB0918  
Judiciary Committee

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, Madame Vice-Chairwoman, and distinguished members of the committee. I am Delegate C.T. Wilson and it's a privilege to be here to **present House Bill 0918 entitled Procedure-Office of the Public Defender-Definition of Serious Offense.**

**Bill Overview:**

Altering a certain definition of "serious offense" to remove a certain limitation on offenses that are included for purposes relating to representation by the Office of the Public Defender.

**Bill Outline:**

1. Changing the definition of what constitutes a "serious offense" to eliminate any limitations in representation as it relates to the capacity of the Office of the Public Defender.

**Conclusion:** This bill will alter the definition of a "serious offense" to permit the Office of the Public Defender more chances to represent defendants of serious offenses.

**Thank you** for your time and I request favorable consideration for this bill. I am open to any questions or concerns you may have about **HB0918.**