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RE: Statement Concerning Bill 15-034, The "Millicent Allewelt Act of 2003"

Dear Chairman Patterson,

I am writing you in my capacity as the chair of the legislative committee of the District of Columbia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, (DCACDL), a local affiliate of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, to convey our support for Bill 15-034, The "Millicent Allewelt Act of 2003." The attached written comments¹ are intended to supplement the oral comments I expect to make on behalf of our organization at your public hearing on Thursday, May 22, 2003.

We hope you find these comments helpful. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Richard K. Gilbert

¹ We have provided the Committee with 20 copies, and for the convenience of Councilmember Ambrose, a special copy printed in 24 point Arial Black.