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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 2, 2011
SUBJECT: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN CIVIL JUDGMENTS
TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM: REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE WILLIAMS BISHOP 

I am introducing legislation that will avoid confusion and hardship by requiring that a prothonotary must verify the identity of an individual against whom a civil judgment is to be entered.

Current law under Title 42 creates potential problems for a citizen whose name is the same as that of another individual named in a judgment. Under the current system, it is the responsibility of an individual mistakenly named in a judgment to correct the record. This can take considerable time and effort.

To correct this situation, the legislation requires a prothonotary to verify the identity of an individual against whom a judgment is to be entered.

I hope you will join me in supporting this change in law. If you would like to co-sponsor this bill, please contact Heather in my office at 783-2192 as soon as possible.