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Representative Thomas R. Caltagirone
House of Representatives
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Attention: David Krantz

Dear Representative Caltagirone:

I am writing to express my support of House Bill No. 998. It would be most advantageous for the Judge who has been involved in dependency proceedings to also determine whether parental rights should be terminated. After all, the Judge who has presided over dependency proceedings is already familiar with the facts and history of the case. Moreover, continuity and consistency in the handling of the case would be insured if the same Judge who presided over dependency proceedings would retain jurisdiction over the termination of parental rights proceedings.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on House Bill 998. If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Andrea Hoffman-Jelin
Chief
Adoption Branch

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