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Representative Keith Gillespie
Main Capitol Building
54B East Wing
House Box 202047
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2047

Dear Representative Gillespie,

Please accept this correspondence as a statement of our strong support for HB 463, or similarly worded legislation, which would amend Title 23 to ensure that in the event of termination or separation of marriage both parental figures are given equal opportunity to play an active role in their child's life.


As currently written HB 463 would provide a level playing field, in the case of custody determination, by defining "Joint Custody" and mandating equal parental rights unless otherwise found not in the best interest of the child for reasons specified under current law. Enactment of such legislation would enable the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to grant each child the opportunity to be equally influenced by both parents.

We understand HB 463 is currently in the House Judiciary Committee. If in such a time you are given the opportunity to act on this bill, or legislation with similar wording, we respectfully request your support in its passage.

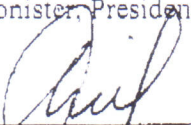
Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

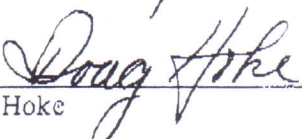
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