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131st Maine State Legislature
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In RE: LD 136 An Act to Clarify Court Jurisdiction of Action Involving Children Brought Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code

January 26, 2023

Dear Senator Carney and Representative Moonen,

My name is Kathleen Ayers, I live in West Gardiner and am the Register of Probate from Kennebec and Chair of the Maine Association of Registers of Probate Legislative Committee.

The Registrars are in support of changes especially if a termination of parental rights has taken place in District Court.

In those cases the facts and history of the case is in District Court usually DHHS case, Years later when the say adoptive (relative) parent is ill or dies, or if a teenager runs away to the parent that has had rights terminated it becomes a guardianship case in Probate. We think those cases should return to the court of origin for continuity.

I can provide further information if need.

Yours Very Truly,

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