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TO: Senator Richard Sears, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Brian J. Grearson, Chief Superior Judge

DATE: March 31, 2017

SUBJECT: H. 502 Modernizing Vermont's Parentage Laws

In lieu of my scheduled testimony I am writing to inform the Committee that the Judiciary supports the passage of this bill in its present form. We are aware that the bill calls for a Study Committee that includes a member selected by the Chief Superior Judge and we are prepared to work with the other members of the committee to modernize the Parentage Laws of the State of Vermont.

Thank you for the opportunity of submitting these comments in written form.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Grearson, Chief Superior Judge