

**VERMONT SUPERIOR COURT**

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CHIEF SUPERIOR JUDGE**

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**MEMO**

**TO: Senator Richard Sears, Chair Senate Committee on Judiciary**

**FROM: Brian J. Grearson, Chief Superior Judge**

**DATE: March 31, 2017**

**SUBJECT: H. 152 Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act**

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. I also reached out to the Probate Judges for comment as they would experience the biggest impact of the bill and in that regard, offer the following:

- The President of the Probate Judge Association (Addison County Probate Judge Eleanor (Misse) Smith,) has authorized me to inform the committee that the Probate Judges have no objection to the bill as written. The following comment from another Probate Judge states their collective view:
- “Currently, there are no statutory provisions that explicitly provide fiduciaries with the authority to access digital assets. As a result, unnecessary complications can and do arise. Both in the practice and judicial arena, the statute is essential for fiduciaries in this digital age. “

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Grearson,  
Chief Superior Judge