



MEMO TO: House Committee on Judiciary; Chair, Rep. Maxine Grad

FROM: Auburn Watersong, Policy Director

DATE: January 23, 2019

RE: H.7

Dear Rep. Grad and members of House Judiciary,

My apologies that due to a scheduling conflict, I am unable to testify on H.7.

I am writing to confirm that the Network supports the passage of H.7. This is an important piece of legislation which permits an out-of-state domestic assault conviction to qualify as a prior conviction for purposes of a second degree aggravated domestic assault prosecution in Vermont. It is imperative that our State's Attorneys have the tools they need to support victim safety. Ensuring that crimes committed elsewhere matter in Vermont is vital to that work.

Thank you,

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