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Interim Study Committee on Courts and the Judiciary  
Representative Jerry Torr, Chair  
Senator Liz Brown, Vice Chair

Dear Committee:

This communication shall serve a letter of support of the establishment of an additional court in Vigo County. Vigo County has one of the highest rates of CHINS cases in the State of Indiana. It is not uncommon for us to have thirty to forty cases set on our docket alone. This also results in the court having to operate beyond the established hours. The creation of a new court is badly needed. A new court would assist with resolving these high caseloads, and in resolutions of those cases. The Department of Child Services, Vigo County Local Office, believes a new court will assist children and families in achieving permanency timely.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary C. Pierce".

Mary C. Pierce  
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*Protecting our children, families and future*