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

## **RE: Request for Additional Superior Court in Vigo County**

Representative Torr and Senator Brown:

I am writing to urge you to support the request for an additional Superior Court in Vigo County. As a family law practitioner of nearly 20 years, regularly handling CHINS and other juvenile court cases, I can attest to how difficult it is to get these important cases heard in Vigo County in a timely manner. While the judicial officers in Vigo County and their staffs work very hard to make time available to hear cases (working through lunches and late on many days), the number of cases pending before the Juvenile Court in Vigo County at any given time are simply too great to afford parties the prompt judicial assistance they need.

While I recognize that the costs associated with adding an additional court are not insignificant, the harm done to families (and most notably, children) can't be measured in dollars and cents. My practice takes me to several counties around the State, and nowhere have I seen a strain on the judicial systems in those other counties to address CHINS and juvenile court cases like that which exists in Vigo County – simply put, the resources in Vigo County to accommodate the CHINS and juvenile court caseload are inadequate. Vigo County children and their families deserve the same opportunity to promptly appear in court and address their needs that children and family have in other parts of the State.

Thank you for your consideration of the efforts to help Vigo County children and their families. If you have any questions for me, do not hesitate to reach out.

Very truly yours,



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