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To Whom It May Concern,

The Board of the Terre Haute Bar Association has voted its endorsement of the creation of a new Court in Vigo County. Attorneys in our membership have voiced their concerns in regard to access to justice by both represented and pro se litigants in our juvenile court due, in part, to the large number of Child in Need of Services (CHINS) cases. Because of the backlog, there has been a difficulty to be heard in custody, parenting time and child support disputes.

The Board feels that the current caseload is not sustainable for both CHINS and paternity matters for a single court. The creation of a new Court will not only assist in the reasonable access to justice for the aforementioned litigants, but also assist in our criminal docket for initial hearings.

The Board insists that the creation of a new Court in Vigo County is a need and not a want and that this has been a need for some time. We appreciate your support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

/s/ Noah L. Gambill

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