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Interim Study Committee on Courts and the Judiciary
Representative Jerry Torr, Chair
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Dear Committee:

My name is Angie Grogan. I have been a public defender in Vigo County for over fifteen years where I have mainly practiced in the juvenile court. I have represented juveniles in juvenile delinquency cases and parents in Children in Need of Services and Termination of Parental Rights cases.

The changes in the juvenile docket over the fifteen years has been remarkable. Fifteen years ago, there was one DCS attorney and we did all of our CHINS cases on one day and all of our JD cases on another day. The amount of DCS cases in this county has skyrocketed over the past decade while the time in court allotted for each case has become smaller and smaller. All of this has also led to an increase of paternity filings which has overcrowded the juvenile docket.

Much to the credit of everyone involved in Vigo Juvenile Court, the Court has maintained a high level of decorum. This is accomplished by long days, no breaks, and a dedicated staff and magistrate. Unlike most courts, Vigo Juvenile Court starts at 8:30am everyday. It breaks for lunch whenever the morning docket allows and then ends when the afternoon docket is finished. This has been the way of life there for over a decade. The amount of work needs to be lessened for those in the Vigo Juvenile Court jurisdiction so that greater attention can be given to these cases as they deserve. I fully support Vigo County receiving another Superior Court in order to accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,
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