



Jamie Pedersen
Drafting Committee Chair, Uniform Parentage Act Revision
Uniform Law Commission

Dear Mr. Pedersen:

The National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA) supports the revisions to the Uniform Parentage Act (UPA), commends the Drafting Committee on its excellent work, and urges the Uniform Law Commission to adopt the revised act. NCSEA served as an observer to the Drafting Committee through its representative Diane Potts.

NCSEA is a non-profit organization that serves child support professionals across the nation and world. Our members include 86 state, tribal, and county-based child support programs, and these programs collectively handle more than 11 million parentage and child support cases each year. NCSEA's work includes providing training on parentage issues, and we serve as a voice for children by advocating sound national public policy on the rights of all children to financial support from their parents regardless of gender or family structure.

The revised UPA provides states with an effective, comprehensive uniform law for parentage establishment. NCSEA recognizes the complexity of parentage issues and the evolving legal landscape for same-sex parents, and believes the revised UPA will benefit the children born to or raised in those families.

NCSEA is encouraged by policy direction of the revised UPA, and appreciates the process that allowed for extensive discussion and comments from a diverse body of observers. It is our belief that the revised UPA is an important uniform law that represents a culmination of the expertise of the Commissioners and observers devoted to improving parentage laws for families.

NCSEA appreciates the opportunity to serve as an observer to the revised UPA and to provide this letter of support for its final reading and adoption. We look forward to providing support for states interested in enacting the revised UPA and educating the child support community about this uniform law.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe B. Mamlin".

Joe Mamlin
NCSEA President

