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Dear Jamie,

Thank you and your committee for the work you have done to revise and updated the Uniform Parentage Act. The Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART) was pleased to provide assistance to the committee through our representative and observer, Susan Crockin, JD, a member of the SART Executive Council, a practicing ART attorney, and an adjunct professor of law in the field of ART law.

The Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology is the primary organization of professionals dedicated to the medical practice of assisted reproductive technologies (ART) in the United States. A mission of our organization is to help establish and maintain the standards for ART medical practice to better serve our members and our patients.

SART has been pleased over the past year to participate as an observer in the Uniform Law Commission's project to revise the Uniform Parentage Act (UPA). We believe that UPA 2017 represents a material improvement in the UPA and support its adoption by the Uniform Law Commission and enactment by states. We especially appreciate the revisions to Article 7 (Assisted Reproduction) and Article 8 (Surrogacy) and the inclusion of the new Article 9 (Information about Donor). We believe that these changes will bring the UPA up to date in a rapidly changing area, providing improved and balanced protections to all participants in the assisted reproduction process.

We appreciated the invitation and opportunity to lend our expertise to reforming the law in this area, and we wish you and the Commission success in the final reading at next month's meeting in San Diego.

Sincerely,

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