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Co-Chair for the Uniform Parentage Act revision

Dear Jamie,

On behalf of the American Academy of Adoption and Assisted Reproduction (“Academy”), we write this letter in support of the work that your committee has done to revise the Uniform Parentage Act.

As an organization dedicated to ethical and legally secure family building practices, we are pleased to see revisions to the Act ensuring that children born of collaborative reproduction are afforded the same rights and protections as are children born without the assistance of a third party. We are further impressed by the extent to which the revised Uniform Parentage Act respects and recognizes the rights of all participants in the family building process. The revisions provide a path for children of same sex and single parents, children born through surrogacy, and children born through gamete donation to be recognized as the legal children of their parents while providing ethical and legally sound ways for gamete donors and gestational and traditional surrogates to be recognized as participants in the process, rather than legal parents.

We are confident that these revisions help to address the legal challenges and opportunities that modern medicine has brought to family building, and appreciate the opportunity to have participated in the process as observers to the drafting committee. As an organization of over 400 domestic and international attorneys focusing on family building, we wish you all the best at the final reading and passage of these revisions.

Sincerely,

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