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The Honorable Delegate Luke Clippinger
Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee
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Testimony on House Bill 1096

Good Afternoon, Chairman Clippinger, Vice Chair Atterbeary, and members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Delegate Nicole Williams and I am testifying in favor of HB 1069, Juvenile Causes- Court Records.

HB1069 authorizes the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Services to share information and collaborate with each other when both agencies are serving the same child.

Communication across these departments is vital. Sharing data across departmental agencies allows for comprehensive collaboration that is currently slowed by needless red tape; red tape which restricts the Department of Juvenile Services from properly serving Maryland's youth.

Sharing this information will allow the Department of Human Services and the Department of Juvenile Services to enhance their joint service planning and reform efforts to support youth and their families.

This bill is supported by the administration. This is clearly a non-partisan issue. This bill will allow these agencies to be able to more adequately serve the children of Maryland.

I am asking for a favorable report for House Bill 1069. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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