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SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE 2 EAST MILLER SENATE OFFICE BUILDING ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

RE: **SB0336** FAMILY LAW – CUSTODY EVALUATIONS – QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

HONORABLE SENATORS,

My name is Heather Twigg. I am a protective and safe parent, mother, student, musician, domestic violence survivor, and advocate for survivors and victims of all forms of abuse. Most importantly, I am the voice for my children; which was ignored by family court professionals. I'm currently forced by a court order to send my children into an unsafe environment with their abusive father who is addicted to prescription medications. This is having a very negative impact on their emotional well-being, which could last them a lifetime. I hold a favorable position as to SB0336 Family Law – Custody Evaluations – Qualifications and Training.

I thank you for your time and remain supportive of these measures. I have much more to state regarding this topic and welcome you to contact me to discuss further.

SINCERELY,

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