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ISSUE: HOUSE BILL 0338 OPPOSITION

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Greetings Delegate Lopez:

I am Eric Smith, Executive Director for Winning Strategies: Fatherhood, The Courts & Custody. We do not support House Bill 0338. This bill gives the impression it seeks to punish a parent for a speculation case of abuse. For there to speculation of abuse it must be investigated and according to a preponderance of the evidence the perpetrator is guilty. This proposed bill is missing the required wording to make this bill ready for progression. Furthermore, there was a House Bill proposed to allow mothers to be released early to care for the child or child(ren) in the event of incarceration, so this bill seeks to alienate fathers, as other bills this session.

We vote NO on the progression of House Bill 0338.

Sincerely,

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