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**ISSUE: HOUSE BILL 0564 Support**

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Greetings Delegate Cox:

I am Eric Smith, Executive Director for Winning Strategies: Fatherhood, The Courts & Custody. Our nonprofit organization supports House Bill 564. This bill gives fathers the right to help aide the recovery process for a child. Evidenced based research shows an individual rate of recovery is higher and faster when the individual is happier or has fostered a greater sense of self-confidence about recovery. When a child is missing that involvement with the other parent he/she will have time to feel happier at least with spending time, recovery time with the parent.

We vote **YES** on the progression of House Bill 0564.

Sincerely,

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