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STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION TO REVISE STATUTES
RELATING TO JUVENILES

Joseph J. Jabar, Chairman
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September 23, 1976

Mr. Robert Clark
Mr. Tom Downing
Ms. Diana Scully
c/o Office of Legislative Assistance
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State House
Augusta, ME 04330

Dear Messrs. Clark and Downing and Ms. Scully:

Joseph Jabar has shared with us a letter of August 16, 1976 from Representative John L. Martin, Speaker of the House of Representatives in which Mr. Martin referred to a Joint Select Committee of the Maine Legislature which will review, pursuant to H.P. 2324, the Commission's work. Mr. Jabar has asked us to advise you that the Commission will issue a preliminary report of its findings in the middle of October. A copy of that report will be forwarded to you as soon as it is completed.

The enclosed sample letter explains the efforts which the Commission is presently making to coordinate with the other groups who might be making legislative recommendations on related issues. This letter was sent to the attached mailing list.

Since we are serving as staff to the Commission, if there is anything at all we can do to facilitate your coordination of the five studies currently in progress in Maine which will impact on children's services please don't hesitate to contact us. We would like to meet with you sometime soon to discuss the work of the Joint Select Committee and answer any questions you might have.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,

Joan E. FitzGerald

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SAMPLE LETTER

Joseph J. Jabar, Chairman
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September 23, 1976

Hon. Joseph Brennan, Chairman
Criminal Law Advisory Committee
Office of the Attorney General
State House
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Dear Mr. Brennan:

The Commission to Revise Statutes Relating to Juveniles is presently completing its research and analysis. It will issue a preliminary report of findings and recommendations in the middle of October.

The Commission is very interested in coordinating the formulation of its final legislative recommendations with any of the work you are doing which relates to the issues addressed by the Commission. To facilitate this coordination, we would like to arrange an exchange of information and reactions with you over the next several months.

A copy of the Commission's preliminary report will be mailed to you as soon as it is ready. After you have reviewed it, we would like to set up an opportunity for you to give the Commission your response to the report in a way which you think is most desirable. The Commission's schedule, however, requires that it receive all such input no later than November 11.

The Commission will be holding public hearings on November 4, 5, and 6 in Portland, Augusta, and Bangor respectively. In addition, we would be happy to arrange a more informal meeting with you on some other date. Otherwise, if you would prefer to only submit a written response, that would be appreciated as well. We will contact you during the week of October 25 to discuss how you would like to make your input.

In the meantime we would like to receive any reports, analyses, proposals, or other materials which will help the Commission to understand the status of your work and recommendations.

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We would like to have such materials as soon as possible. If after reading the preliminary report you would like to review any of the Commission's background documents, we will be happy to share them with you.

Now that the Commission has reached this stage in its work, we look forward to working with you on a coordinated series of recommendations for the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely yours,

Joan E. FitzGerald

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