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Dear Representative Spohnholz:

I am writing to express my personal support for House Bill 133. I am retired now, but worked for many years as an attorney for the Criminal Division of the Department of Law. Part of my job was working with the Division of Juvenile Justice and particularly with Tony Newman, a long time employee of the Division and an advocate for children. Over time Tony and I recognized many inconsistencies in terminology in Title 47 and the confusion that they caused. HB 133 corrects these inconsistencies.

The bill would also improve the law by clearly providing that the staff of a juvenile justice facility occupy a "position of authority" over juveniles under their authority. The bill also would include juvenile justice staff among the persons who are "mandatory reporters" of child abuse and neglect. These are critically important improvements in the law.

Thank you very much for sponsoring HB 133.

Sincerely,

Annie Carpeneti