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REPLY TO:

March 19, 2012

The Honorable Mike Feuer
Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee
State Capitol, Room 3146
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 1337 (Author Assembly Member Luis Alejo)
Amended January 4th and January 11, 2012

Support as Proposed to be amended

Dear Assemblyman Feuer and Assembly Judiciary Committee Members:

On behalf of California's Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, a non-profit corporation with approximately 550 members who are certified as family law specialists by the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization, I write to support as proposed to be amended Assembly Bill 1337.

This bill allows for a non-custodial parent to seek custody of a child in the event of the death of the custodial parent in situations where there were no prior custody orders. The parent seeking custody must give notice to certain relatives. It will allow the courts to address these situations in a consistent manner. It is our understanding that this bill will be amended to allow for mail service to second degree relatives.

ACFLS supports this bill as proposed to be amended.

Respectfully,



Diane Wasznicky,
President, ACFLS

cc: ACFLS Board

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