#2021-004

September 9, 2021

Justice Patrick E. Donovan

Chair, Advisory Committee on Rules

Lorie Platt

Secretary, Advisory Committee on Rules

One Charles Doe Dr

Concord, NH 03301

RE: Proposed Revision to Circuit Court-Family Division Rule 3.6

Justice Donovan and Committee Secretary Platt:

We the undersigned private citizens, who are employed as NH Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers wish to formally state our objection to the proposed changes to rule 3.6. We believe that our attached submission, which was a collaborative effort of the majority of officers in the field, is a better alternative and was dismissed by the transformation team without appropriate consideration. The combined field experience of the officers working with NH youth far outweighs the theories being put forth by the Annie Casey Foundation's project, which draws its conclusions from urban areas of the country. We are proposing a set of probation rules for youth that are clear and concise and are what the 80 plus officers in the field who were involved in creating them believe are the minimum standard for safety, effectiveness, and equity. We thank you in advance for your consideration.

The effects of SB94 and SB96 will significantly reduce the number of youth entering the court system, and the youth who do ultimately end up being adjudicated delinquent and placed on conditional release will need clear directions. Basic tenants of rehabilitating youth who have gotten to this stage are refraining from the use of alcohol and other substances, attending school, and following parent's/custodians rules such as a curfew. We believe that the transformation team's proposed rule changes fail to provide for the requisite level of supervision to keep communities safe and ensure victims interests are addressed appropriately. We ask that you adopt our submission as a reasonable alternative.

Respectfully Submitted

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Petition to Oppose Changes to Conditions of Release (probation rules) for Court involved Juveniles

We the undersigned: Juvenile Probation Parole Officers wish to express our objection to the proposed changes to rule 3.6 wherein the current rules are reduced to 5 rules. We do not represent the Division in this petition only our own perspectives and opinions as private citizens and experienced JPPOs. We believe the changes will put the community and officers in significant danger and impede the ability to supervise delinquent youth safely and adequately. We hereby call upon The Supreme Court Advisory Committee on rules to oppose the proposed changes to the Juvenile Conditions of Release (probation rules) being reduced to only 5 rules. These proposed changes drive the Juvenile Justice System away from supporting victims' rights: safety of juveniles, families and JPPO's; safety of the NH citizens; and accountability for ones actions. Attached you will find a copy of the current Conditions of Release form 1341 and a counter proposal the undersigned JPPO's are supporting. This counter proposal was created by a team of NH Juvenile Probation Parole Officers from across the state.

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| 3 | I will not consume or possess alcohol or illegal or mind altering substances nor possess items deemed contraband by a JPPO. | | | | | | |
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