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Senator Cynthia Stone Creem
State House
Room 416-B
Boston, MA 02133

JAMES SHANKER
President

IRIT TAMIR
Director of Government Affairs

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Dear Senator Creem:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Association of Jewish Federations (MAJF), I would like to thank you for sponsoring Senate Bill 75, "Further Regulating the Placement of Certain Children."

As you know, offering financial incentives to birth parents in exchange for the termination of their parental rights is not only morally and ethically reprehensible, but will also significantly increase the cost of adoption for families in Massachusetts. MAJF shares your belief that non-profit adoption agencies are best suited to protect the long-term interests of birth parents, adoptive parents and children

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has always been a leader in setting high ethical standards for adoption practice. MAJF truly appreciates your leadership in ensuring that the Commonwealth maintains those ethical standards. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 617-457-8658.

Sincerely,



Irit Tamir
Director of Government Affairs

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