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RE: H1363 An Act relative to raising the standard of proof for juvenile defendants
DT: 15 September 2015

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for hearing *H1363, An Act relative to raising the standard of proof for juvenile defendants* before your committee on September 16th.

This bill would change the standard of proof for a harassment protection order against a juvenile who is or is under the age of 13. It would increase the level of scrutiny necessary for the order from the preponderance of the evidence to clear and convincing evidence; from more likely to be true than not true to more probable to be true than not true—a greater level of believability.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1363, An Act relative to raising the standard of proof for juvenile defendants* be released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux