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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Children and Families

From: Renae Jefferies, Assistant Revisor

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Subject: HR 6009

HR 6009 urges the United States Congress to adopt the parental rights amendment which is a joint resolution in Congress proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to parental rights.

The joint resolution in Congress proposes that: (1) A parent's right to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right; (2) that neither the United States nor any State shall infringe upon that right without demonstrating that its governmental interest as applied to the person is of the highest order and not otherwise served; and (3) no treaty may be adopted nor shall any source of international law be employed to supercede, modify, interpret or apply to the rights guaranteed should the joint resolution be adopted.