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Senator Ronald M. Mottl  
5393 Pearl Road  
Parma, Ohio 44129

Dear Senator Mottl:

It has been called to my attention as Chairman of the Domestic Relations Committee of the Bar Association of Greater Cleveland, that Amended House Bill No. 233 is being reviewed by the Senate with respect to the overall provisions of the code relating to marriage and divorce.

The Bar Association is particularly concerned with the fact that certain provisions of Revised Code Section 2301.03 have been deleted from the proposed bill and that the bill, in its present form, continues to treat the Division of Domestic Relations of the Common Pleas Court in a manner which the Association considers to be most undesirable.

Accordingly, on behalf of the Domestic Relations Committee, we strongly urge that the Senate Committee insert into the proposed legislation the same provisions which were provided for the Domestic Relations Division of the Court in Hamilton County. To assist you in recognizing that provision and its impact, I am enclosing herewith a copy of an extract from Revised Code 2301.03 Subsection B, which we strongly urge the Senate to add to the pending bill.

We urge you to present your recommendations to your colleagues in the Senate for their favorable consideration.

Cordially yours,

Irwin S. Haiman

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Enclosure

cc: Senator Ronald Mottl  
c/o Ohio State Senate  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Cleveland, Ohio 44113

The following is an extract from Revised Code Section 2301.03, Subsection B, as it pertains to the Domestic Relations Department in Hamilton County:

"The board of county commissioners shall appropriate such sum of money each year as will meet all the administrative expenses of the court of domestic relations, including reasonable expenses of the domestic relations judge and such court counselors and other employees as he may designate to conduct the handling, servicing, and investigation of divorce, alimony and annulment cases, conciliation and domestic relations counselling, and all matters in relation thereto, as well as the expenses involved in the attendance of court personnel at domestic relations and welfare conferences designated by said court, and such further sum each year as will provide for the adequate operation of said court of domestic relations.

"The compensation and expenses of all employees and the salary and expenses of the judge shall be paid by the county treasurer from the money appropriated for the operation of the court, upon the warrant of the county auditor, certified to by the judge."