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January 23, 1989

The Honorable Terry M. Tranter  
Ohio House of Representatives  
State House  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Representative Tranter:

Enclosed, as you requested, is a bill draft that would make certain revisions in the grounds for divorce as proposed by the Ohio State Bar Association Family Law Committee. Per your instruction, the bill draft would eliminate the following grounds for divorce: willful absence of the adverse party for one year; fraudulent contract; and habitual drunkenness. It would add incompatibility as a ground for divorce, unless denied by either party. The term "party" is used in the draft instead of "spouse" as suggested by the Committee for purposes of consistency of terms in section 3105.01 which uses "parties" as a general reference to husband and wife. The draft also contains nonsubstantive, technical changes to that section.

If you have any questions about the draft or desire to make any changes in it, please call me at 466-5663.

Very truly yours,

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