

House Judiciary Committee –

Please allow this statement to express my very strong opposition to any presumption regarding residency in custody matters. In my experience, every case is different and when you are looking at the lives of children and the dramatic effects changes in custody have on them, we cannot afford to have a presumption. Each case needs to be evaluated individually which is what the district court judges do. That allows the facts and circumstances surrounding each case to be weighed with particularity to reach the correct result. With respect, you cannot legislate away the vast differences that present themselves with each family which is why the fact-intensive review has to be done. Painting with a broad brush in this arena does more harm than the supposed good the proponents claim they're advancing.

Thank you,



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