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City, State 54321

December 16, 2026

RE: Case #999999999

To the honorable Judge Chao:

I am happy to write in support of Susan Frederick’s child custody requests. As Susan’s close friend and neighbor for 11 years, I have known both her and Jamie Martin for most of their marriage and for their children’s entire lives. Susan is an outstanding mother who takes care to provide a good role model for her children. Based on my extended and close personal knowledge of the family, I strongly support Susan Frederick’s request for primary physical custody and sole legal custody. I believe these arrangements are in the best interests of Nora and David Martin.

As a middle school vice principal, I have seen the spectrum of parents. Susan has always stood out to me as an exceptional parent who prioritizes her children. Jamie Martin, however, is what I would call a disinterested parent. Long before they separated, Susan expressed to me on multiple occasions that Jamie felt that it was his role to provide financially for the children, but that it was Susan’s job to raise them. Over the years, I have seen this reflected in their parenting dynamic, in which Susan is the primary caregiver and Jamie spends little time with his children.

I have always been impressed by Susan’s commitment to supporting her children’s curiosity and interests while providing necessary structure and guidance. She has also always taken the active role in all aspects of their care. For example, when it was time to enroll David in school, she did extensive research and asked for my expert advice. When Nora began showing symptoms of ADHD, Susan sought out the best specialists for her diagnosis and treatment.

From my perspective, very little about their parenting arrangement has changed since Jamie moved out. Susan continues to be the primary parent, and Jamie sees the kids occasionally. Susan remains the more emotionally nurturing and caring parent. Maintaining this stable dynamic in which their mother provides the vast majority of their care in the home they’ve lived in their entire lives is, in my opinion, what’s best for Nora and David.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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