SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FAMILY COURT

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS BRANCH**

[PLAINTIFF NAME] )

[ADDRESS] )

 )

PLAINTIFF, )

 )

 v. ) Case No. [NUMBER]

 )

 ) Judge [JUDGE NAME]

[DEFENDANT NAME]  **)**

[ADDRESS] )

*Last known address* )

 )

 and )

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[DEFENDANT NAME] )

[ADDRESS] )

*Mailing Address* )

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 DEFENDANTS. )

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**CONSENT TO COMPLAINT FOR CUSTODY**

I, [DEFENDANT], state to the court as follows:

1. I am the defendant in the above-captioned matter.
2. It is my information and belief that I am the biological father of the child at issue in this matter, [CHILD], born [DATE] (“[CHILD]”).
3. I have had an opportunity to review “[PLAINTIFF]’s Complaint for Custody of Child” in which she seeks sole physical custody of [CHILD] and joint legal custody of [CHILD] with me.
4. It is my desire that [PLAINTIFF] be awarded sole physical custody of [CHILD]. I believe that awarding [PLAINTIFF] sole physical custody of [CHILD] is in [CHILD]’s best interests.
5. It is my desire that [PLAINTIFF] and I be awarded joint legal custody of [CHILD]. I believe that awarding [PLAINTIFF] and me joint legal custody of [CHILD] is in [CHILD]’s best interest.
6. I understand that in providing my irrevocable consent to [PLAINTIFF]’s request for sole physical custody of [CHILD] and joint legal custody of [CHILD] with me I am waiving the presumption in favor of parental custody.
7. I further understand that a request to modify custody of [CHILD] in the future must be supported by evidence of a substantial and material change in circumstances and evidence that the proposed change in custody would be in [CHILD]’s best interests.
8. I am not under the influence of any drugs or medication or any physical or mental disability.
9. I understand that I have the right to review this consent with an attorney.
10. I am competent to execute this consent and provide my consent to the relief sought in “[PLAINTIFF]’s Complaint for Custody of Child” knowingly and intelligently.

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[DEFENDANT]

*Defendant*

# Verification

I, [DEFENDANT], solemnly swear or affirm under criminal penalties for the making of a false statement that I have read the foregoing “Consent Answer to Complaint for Custody” and that the factual statements made in it are true to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and belief.

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[DEFENDANT]

*Defendant*