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Dear Ms. Collard:

Thank you for your comments regarding The Paternity Act, Act 205 of 1956. I appreciate that this is a highly emotional issue however, we must give deference to the legal community and allow them to apply the law to each case that is presented.

The original intent of the law was to protect children. It is my understanding that Senator Bev Hammerstrom recently held hearings on this issue, although it is not certain whether the committee intends to pursue legislation at this time. The Michigan Constitution of 1963, provides for the separation of powers between the branches of government. Given this, the Legislature does not have jurisdiction over the courts, where this case is currently being heard. Should you wish to learn more about The Paternity Act or other pending legislation, you may visit www.michiganlegislature.org for more information.

Again, thank you for writing. Please feel free to contact me in the future on other matters of concern.

Best Wishes,

Jason Allen State Senator 37th District

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