

STATE OF INDIANA ) IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT  
 ) SS:  
 COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 (parent) )  
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 PETITIONER )  
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 AND )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 (parent) )  
 )  
 RESPONDENT )  
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 AND )  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 (intervener(s) name(s)) )  
 )  
 INTERVENER(S). )

**VERIFIED MOTION TO INTERVENE AND BE JOINED AS NECESSARY PARTIES  
 AND PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF CUSTODY**

Come now (intervener(s) ' name(s)) , hereinafter (intervener(s) ' relationship to child(ren)) , and respectfully file their Verified Motion to Intervene and Be Joined as Necessary Parties and Petition for Modification of Custody. In support of these requests, (intervener(s)) would respectfully show the Court as follows:

1. (Child(ren) 's name) was/were born during the marriage to Mother, (mother 's name) , and is/are now (age(s)) years old.
2. Pursuant to the (date; agreement/order) , legal custody of (child(ren) 's name(s)) was awarded to (Mother/Father) and (Father/Mother) was awarded parenting time (per the Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines/describe other) . (Mother/Father) was ordered to pay (amount) per week in child support to (Mother/Father) via Income Withholding Order.
3. Since the date of the (Order/Agreement) , the following events have occurred:
  - a. (List circumstances relevant to Mother, such as pending criminal matters or recent convictions [list cause numbers], incarceration, drug use, untreated mental

health problems, domestic violence, inability to maintain employment or a residence, etc.)

- b. (List circumstances relevant to Father, such as pending criminal matters or recent convictions [list cause numbers], incarceration, drug use, untreated mental health problems, domestic violence, inability to maintain employment or a residence, etc.)
  - c. (List circumstances relevant to child(ren), such as needing medical care which is not being provided, needing to be enrolled in school, needing a stable home, etc.)
  - d. (If child(ren) is/are living with intervener(s), state length of time and reasons why child(ren) is/are living with intervener(s))
4. (Intervener(s)) seek(s) intervention to request that the Court appoint them as Third Party Custodian(s) of (child(ren)'s name(s)).
  5. The (intervener(s)) reside at (street address), (county), (state).
  6. The (intervener(s)) believe that (child(ren)'s name(s))'s best interests would be substantially and significantly served by placement with them based upon the following:
    - a. (Intervener(s)) have been married for \_\_\_ years.
    - b. (Intervener(s)) have been employed at (employers' names) for \_\_\_ years and can provide health insurance for (child(ren)'s name(s)).
    - c. (Intervener(s)) own their home where (child(ren)'s name(s)) has his/her own bedroom.
  7. (Intervener(s)) request that the Court permit them to intervene as necessary parties pursuant to Indiana Trial Rule 24(B) because the child(ren) currently is/are living in their home, and he/she/they are requesting to be appointed third party custodian(s).
  8. (Intervener(s)) have a claim in common with the paternity proceeding in this cause.
  9. The (intervener(s)) further request that the Court order (supervised visitation/other parenting time) for Mother and (supervised visitation/other parenting time) for Father.
  10. (Parent(s)' name(s)) have signed consents to the court's appointment of (intervener(s)) as third party custodian(s) of the child(ren). The consents are attached to this motion.

Wherefore, the (intervener(s)) respectfully request that the Court permit them to intervene in this matter, and schedule a hearing on their Petition to Modify Custody.

We solemnly swear or affirm, under the penalty for perjury, that the foregoing facts and representations are true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Petitioner name and signature)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Petitioner name and signature)*

Certificate of Service

We hereby certify that a copy of this Motion has been mailed to:

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
*(self-represented parties/attorney's for parties)*

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
*(self-represented parties' addresses/attorney's addresses)*

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ via first class U.S. mail.

\_\_\_\_\_ *(Intervener(s) names)*