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August 10, 2017

The Honorable Frank A. Hoffmann, Chairman
House Committee on Health and Welfare
P. O. Box 94062, Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Dear Representative Hoffmann:

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled "Safe Haven Relinquishment" that was promulgated and published on page 1189 of the June 2017 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, June 9, 2017.

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DCFS held a public hearing on July 25, 2017 and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the October issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective October 1, 2017.

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Sincerely,

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Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Fred H. Mills, Jr., Chairman
Louisiana Senate Committee on Health and Welfare
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The Honorable John Alario
President of the Senate
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