

**PETITION 2  
PETITION FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCE**

**TO: The Honorable House of Representatives**

**FROM: Petitioner Representative David Welch, Rock. 8**

**DATE: September 24, 2009**

**SUBJECT: Grievance of Greg and Sarah Clarkson, Kingston, New Hampshire**

**Whereas, the New Hampshire Bill of Rights at Article 2, Part First of the New Hampshire Constitution provides that "All men have certain natural, essential, and inherent rights - among which are, the enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing, and protecting, property; and, in a word, of seeking and obtaining happiness. Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by this state on account of race, creed, color, sex or national origin;" and**

**Whereas, the New Hampshire Bill of Rights at Article 12, Part First of the New Hampshire Constitution provides that "Every member of the community has a right to be protected by it, in the enjoyment of his life, liberty, and property;" and**

**Whereas, the New Hampshire Bill of Rights at Article 32, Part First of the New Hampshire Constitution provides that "The people have a right, in an orderly and peaceable manner, to assemble and consult upon the common good, give instructions to their representatives, and to request of the legislative body, by way of petition or remonstrance, redress of the wrongs done them, and of the grievances they suffer;" and**

**Whereas, the New Hampshire Bill of Rights at Article 31, Part First of the New Hampshire Constitution provides that "The legislature shall assemble for the redress of public grievances and for making such laws as the public good may require;"**

**Now, Therefore, your Petitioner, Representative Welch on behalf of Greg and Sarah Clarkson, hereinafter presents the particulars of their grievance against the State of New Hampshire, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Children, Youth, and Families and invokes the constitutional authority and duty of the Honorable House of Representatives pursuant to said Articles 31 and 32 to bring about their redress:**

- 1. A male Kingston Police officer performed a wellness check on an 8 year old female without a medical expert present and without a video in its entirety as in RSA 169-C:38, V.**
- 2. The Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children Home Study requires the disclosure of abuse and neglect allegations founded and unfounded. The social worker misrepresented the case, yet uncompleted, to Massachusetts authorities as founded. As a result, the Clarksons were denied the opportunity to adopt their niece and nephew.**
- 3. A social worker representing herself as a teacher conducted an interview with the Clarksons' son [REDACTED] at school without parental notification and used unorthodox questioning to lead the child in answering.**

**Wherefore,** your Petitioner prays that the House of Representatives:

A. Accept the within Petition for Redress of Grievance for enrollment and by vote of the House of Representatives appoint a committee to hold public hearings and examine into the circumstances hereof; and following such hearings and examination, recommend to the full House of Representatives that it:

B. Determine amendments to the law of the State to prevent future injury.

**Respectfully Submitted by Petitioner Representative Welch on Behalf of Greg and Sarah Clarkson.**

**Co-Petitioners:**

**Rep. Itse, Rock. 9**

**Rep. Ingbretson, Graf. 5**

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