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Dear Justices-

I whole heartedly support the proposal to amend GR 23 to allow more CPGs to serve on the Board. I am so grateful for Ms. Jameson to request this amendment, especially that CPG Board meetings are open to the public. I agree with her legal analysis and her real-world experience.

There is no legitimate reason for the majority of their work to remain secret. Having the public engaged is a way to ensure Board transparency and the public to remain informed of the good, bad and ugly that CPGs are faced with and that unfortunately some CPGs engage in.

I personally and professionally know a majority of those on the current Board and know them to be fierce guardianship advocates for the vulnerable population we serve. I am appreciative of their commitment to our profession.

However, having a greater array of CPGs on the Board as individuals, small agencies and large agencies is crucial to the profession. I represent CPGs and understand firsthand the trials they are faced with in their profession. I served on the CPG Board from 2005-2008. I was not a CPG; but rather an attorney and Registered Nurse. We had few CPGs on the Board and I needed their valuable opinion and real-world experience to understand their profession as it intersected with what was on the Board's agenda.

While we have the new guardianship law, I professionally do not see the need for CPGs decreasing and in fact more will be needed to maintain protections for our most vulnerable. The physical and mental health of the clients we serve, coupled with the social and economic inequities our clients face, is not lessening.

Please amend GR 23 as Ms. Jameson has proposed. All of us in the guardianship realm appreciate your time on this very important issue.

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