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TN Administrative Office of the Courts

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Dear Ms. Borne,

At the meeting of the Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council on March 6, 2026, the Council, pursuant to T.C.A. 36-3-625(e), voted to recommend a modification to the firearms dispossession form. At this meeting, eleven (11) council members voted to recommend judges adopt the following changes to the firearm dispossession form, two (2) members abstained from voting, and the remaining ten (10) members were not present to vote. The recommendation from the DVSCC is to include a new section on page two of the form, which requires the person to whom the firearms are being transferred to also execute the dispossession form acknowledging the following:

TO THE PERSON TO WHOM THE FIREARMS ARE BEING TRANSFERRED: By accepting transfer of Respondent's firearms, you must acknowledge and agree as follows:

- ☐ You are over the age of eighteen (18) years and legally allowed to have firearms in your possession.
- ☐ You acknowledge that an Order of Protection has been entered against Respondent and that he/she shall not possess firearms while the Order is in effect; and you agree to accept transfer of said firearms.
- ☐ You agree not to allow Respondent to take possession of his/her firearms prior to the expiration of this Order of Protection.

Affiant: Sign here in front of Notary/Clerk: _____ Date: _____

Notary/Clerk fills out below:

Sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Notary Public or Clerk/Deputy Clerk

My Term Expires

Attached is the form reviewed by the Council, which the Council asks be posted on the website of the Administrative Office of the Courts where it can be accessed by all courts or the court clerk. The Council requests the Administrative Office of the Courts to immediately distribute this letter to all Judicial Conferences of this State and the association of the Clerks of Court without delay.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the Honorable A. Ensley Hagan, Judge of the General Sessions Court for Wilson County, Tennessee, Division III, who developed the dispossession form recommended by the Council, and who graciously presented to the Council at our December 5, 2025, meeting.

Please let the Council know if there are any questions or further assistance the Council can provide to effectuate implementation of the modified dispossession form.

Very truly yours,



Melanie Bean
Chair of the Council