



# MEDIATION WORKS INCORPORATED

## AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN MEDIATION

We are requesting mediation services from Mediation Works Incorporated (MWI), and understand and agree to the following terms:

**Mediation is voluntary.** All participants have the right to stop mediating at any time or any reason.

**Mediation does not change parties' legal options.** Participating in mediation does not mean giving up the right to go to court. If any party feels that mediation has not resolved the matter well enough, the party may still go to court or take other legal steps after mediation.

**Mediation is confidential.** We agree to keep all information discussed during the mediation private. We understand that, if the parties go to court in the future, the mediators and staff at Mediation Works Incorporated (MWI) cannot be called to testify for or against either party. ( MGL 233, Section 23C.)

**There are exceptions to confidentiality.** The mediator or MWI may make exceptions to confidentiality to report: (1) claims of abuse or neglect; and/or (2) plans to commit a crime. If the mediator or MWI is going to report any information to a probation officer or other official, they may tell the parties what information will be reported.

**Written Agreement.** The parties may reach an agreement and put it in writing. If they do, MWI will keep a copy of the agreement on file. If a court is involved in this matter, MWI may send a copy of the agreement to the court.

<b>Party</b>	_____	_____	_____
	(signature)	(please print name)	(date)
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<b>Mediator</b>	_____	_____	_____
	(signature)	(please print name)	(date)
<b>Observer</b>	_____	_____	_____
	(signature)	(please print name)	(date)