Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

July 24, 2026

Megan K. Cavanagh,
Chief Justice

Brian K. Zahra
Richard H. Bernstein
Elizabeth M. Welch
Kyra H. Bolden
Kimberly A. Thomas
Noah P. Hood,
Justices

SC: 170007
COA: 374097
Wayne CC Family Division: 2024-000868-NA

In re CCM BASKIN, Minor.

On order of the Court, the application for leave to appeal the March 18, 2026 judgment of the Court of Appeals is considered and, pursuant to MCR 7.305(I)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we REVERSE Part II of the judgment of the Court of Appeals and REMAND this case to the Wayne Circuit Court for proceedings not inconsistent with this order. The trial court plainly erred in terminating respondent's parental rights without requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to engage in reasonable reunification efforts. See MCL 712A.19a(2); *In re Barber/Espinoza*, ___ Mich ___ (July 31, 2025) (Docket No. 167745). As noted by dissenting Judge MALDONADO, respondent did not waive this argument by entering a no-contest plea regarding jurisdiction and statutory grounds for termination because the plea colloquy did not discuss the relinquishment of her statutory right to assert that DHHS had failed to make reasonable efforts to reunify her with her child, including through the development of a case service plan. See *In re MJC*, 349 Mich App 42, 49-54 (2023). The Court of Appeals further erred by holding that respondent abandoned this argument when she addressed the issue in supplemental briefing at the Court of Appeals' invitation.

We do not retain jurisdiction.

ZAHRA and BERNSTEIN, JJ., would deny leave to appeal.

THOMAS, J., did not participate because she may have independent knowledge regarding this case.

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I, Elizabeth Kingston-Miller, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

July 24, 2026

Clerk