

IN RE CHILD OF EKATERINA S.

Submitted on Briefs January 24, 2024  
Decided February 1, 2024

Panel: MEAD, HORTON, CONNORS, LAWRENCE, and DOUGLAS, JJ.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Ekaterina S. appeals from a judgment of the District Court (Waterville, *Montgomery, J.*) terminating her parental rights to her child.<sup>1</sup> *See* 22 M.R.S. § 4055(1)(B)(2) (2023). We discern no error in the court's judgment because there is sufficient evidence in the record to support the court's parental unfitness and best interest findings, and the court did not abuse its discretion in determining that termination of the mother's parental rights was in the best interest of the child. *See In re Child of Amber D.*, 2020 ME 30, ¶ 6, 226 A.3d 1157; *In re Kayla M.*, 2001 ME 166, ¶¶ 13-14, 785 A.2d 330.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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<sup>1</sup> The mother's counsel filed an appellate brief containing a factual and procedural history of the case and a statement that counsel did not believe that there were arguable issues of merit on appeal. The mother's counsel moved for an enlargement of time to allow the mother to file a supplemental brief. *See In re M.C.*, 2014 ME 128, ¶¶ 7-8, 104 A.3d 139. We authorized the mother to submit a supplemental brief, and the mother timely filed a supplemental brief.

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