

Senate Committee

SB 157

Letter in support of Senate Bill 157

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Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

What can I say about child custody laws these days? As a child from a family in 1974 Mom got the girls and Dad got the boys. So what actually happened was kids go wild. One parent speaks negatively about the other parent. Kids hear what the adults say and don't understand. Kids love their parents and believe what they hear. Kids become delinquent without the guidance they need from both parents. Kids don't see the other parent on a regular basis. Kids grown up and learn the truth years later with hurt and anger. Parents don't realize the damage until later. Kids placed in foster or group homes. Some kids may graduate some not.

Brothers and Sisters unsure of so many things except they do have each other as adults, mom and dad made mistakes for which they regret. Today as a mother, I remember what occurred because I was the oldest asking myself what can I do to get the better life but parents are too busy with hate than being a parent. It is not about money but equal time spent with each parent. It is getting to know them as a child and not an adult.

As a mother, when my child was young I believe it was my responsibility almost 25 years ago that it is my child's right to know his father. I knew in my heart his father loved him as well as that side of the family. I knew I needed to better myself with that said I made the travel arrangements for my son to visit them all. I do not understand why some parents fight against each other when only the child suffers.

As my child has children of his own now away from him he suffers as well as them. My grandkids deserve the best. He has always been a great dad to them. He took them to the park, bike riding, fishing, walks, reading books, woke up in the middle of the night for feedings and diaper change. He has always been a great Dad to them but the mother and her side of the family are full of hate towards him.

The mother had 3 other children from 3 different fathers before he got with her and they had 2 together. The other 3 are so into new phones, video games, and sitting around the house with no supervision except the TV. They truly seemed happy when he came around to go fishing and outdoor play. I would state her parenting skills are less than desirable. My point is children need the guidance of mother and father roles even if the person is a step parent.

As I have turned her into to the local agency it is only in the best interest of the kids. Kids are the future and we need to treat them right. The other side of the family tells me how my grandkids scream and cry for their Dad and myself. They complain about raising them but yet their hatred toward him is what keeps the kids away from their father.

It tests my civility with them. Even when the mother has negative comments about him saying I still am taking his side. I say I take the side of the kids. What is so difficult to understand it is the children

suffering by your hand keeping them away from their Dad. I don't understand why the mother would put the daughter on the phone only to harass the future stepmom and cause the daughter to cry.

How can a mother refuse DNA testing? Why so costly to go through the court system? Why allow a mother to take kids out of the state? Shouldn't there be a mileage limit to enforce within the state before it is considered kidnapping or something? Why can a mother make false allegations against the father when the defensive marks are on him? Why can a mother not maintain a permanent residence and that be okay? If the parent receives medical and food assistance, wouldn't it be better to offer one or the other not both benefits? As a parent, an adult should be working, attending school or both if that is what it takes to take care of the kids. I do not understand why a mother's demands are more important than the father. I want a fairer court system where one parent does not have all the control.

I believe it should be a 50/50 residential custody whether it is rotating by the week, month year and rotating holidays, school breaks, summer vacation. Better said when you have the kids you take care of them and when I have the kids I take care of their needs. Perhaps if needed the courts could assign a financial advisor or mediator for all documented expenses. I call it shared expenses for the kids' essential needs. Each parent can spend their dollars on wants but not needs.

Children need to be loved by both parents and both sides of the family.

I ask to pass this bill on this date:

Last Thoughts for You:

My father said " one of my greatest fears is not to have spent time with the kids or to have held my great grandson before I die". My son ask why I am civil, I said because 'I fight for you and my grandkids"

Respectfully Submitted,

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