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In respect to the proposed Bill No. 5530 that would now include any person who services and or repairs personal computers be mandated reporters. I would suggest to take this even further as presented in "Jordyn's Law" See Ex: ( A) "Jordyn's Law" requires any person over eighteen years of age to report suspected child abuse and or neglect to a mandated reporter. It also up grades the penalties. Seventeen other states already have a similar law making every adult responsible in protecting its children.

We are trying to put forth "Jordyn's Law" this session. This came about simply because two mandated reporters failed to do their jobs and report child abuse. Then to cover up for their failure to report both mandated reporters committed perjury, while under a lawful oath, in March of 2005.

Concerning the crime of perjury a prosecutor states, in writing, that it is alright for one to lie while under a lawful oath as long as the lie wasn't material to the matter. What wouldn't be material to a matter concerning the sexual assault of a three year old? Others with knowledge of this matter also turned their heads, thus the reason we need to institute "Jordyn's Law." We need to have a moral conscience and make all adults accountable for their actions as seventeen other States have done.

At Present there is an on going investigation of these crimes before the Attorney General's Office. It has also come to our attention that when a mandated reporter such as a day care provider fails to report and gets caught, it is quoted, "they are rarely if ever prosecuted" this was and still is quite disturbing to me as it should be to anyone. Laws are in place for the protection of our children, but who is actually making sure these laws are being enforced.

I sincerely pray this Judiciary keeps an eye on this instant matter before the Attorney General's Office, because no one should be above the law and there is hard evidence in support of my claims. These two day care providers (mandated reporters) still hold a Connecticut license to care for children. As a society we need public out cry of these crimes and others to stop child abuse. It will take everyone's effort and it is everyone's responsibility.

I respectfully ask to have Bill No. 5530 voted out of committee and or Revised to reflect "Jordyn's Law"

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully

Susan H. Maloney

## **Ex: (A)**

### **Summary or description of Jordyn's Law:**

That the general statutes be amended to require any person over eighteen years of age to report suspected child abuse or neglect to a mandated reporter, as defined in subsection (b) of section 17a-101. Any such person, and any mandated reporter, who knowingly fails to report, or knowingly prevents any person from such reporting, shall be guilty of a class C felony, subject to a fine of no more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and shall be civilly liable for any damage resulting from such failure. Any person who knowingly makes a false report of such abuse or neglect, advises another to make such false report, or obstructs such reporting in any way, shall be guilty of a class C felony. Any person making such report in good faith based on facts which a reasonable person would believe constitutes abuse or neglect and does not in fact constitute abuse nor neglect, shall be immune from any liability under this section. Any person who makes such report shall disclose his or her name to the authority to whom he or she is reporting and shall not remain anonymous, but shall not have their name publicly disclosed.

### **Statement of Purpose of Jordyn's Law:**

To enact "Jordyn's Law," increasing the penalties on a mandated reporter, and creating a penalty for any person, who fails to report suspected child abuse and neglect.