

Good Morning

My name is Linda Sprouse and I am here today to speak to you about the injustice that I have been facing.

My ex was court ordered to pay a loan, which he never refinanced. The credit union took his overdue payments from my savings and when my sons' CD matured it rolled into my savings and they took that too. Once the credit union started taking from us, he never made another payment. He owes close to \$15,000. My debt to income looks overextended because my name is still on his loan, making it difficult to refinance my house.

The only way to prosecute him is if I go to Florida and go through the courts there. I need to stay in Connecticut to take care of my children and work to support them. The divorce took place in this state so should the contempt charges.

He has not made a child support payment since he moved in with his mother and sisters. So far he owes me over \$5,000. In September 2008, my child services representative, Joe Bellavance, sent the paperwork to Florida. He told me it could take a few months to process. In January I called Florida Child Services, they didn't even have a file for my case. I called Mr. Bellavance and he resubmitted everything again. Florida Child Services sent me a letter telling me that I am not to call them, I need to go through Connecticut Child Services. I have called Mr. Bellavance several times and still haven't received a response. I gave my ex's address and information and have been waiting five months so far and still haven't seen any resolution. How can deadbeat parents step over the stateline and then become untouchable.

How can we call ourselves the United States of America when the states aren't working together. We should have a universal program that can track them down by social security number and make them pay for their children. We need a change! I'm here to ask you, my legislators, for guidance. I'm at a dead end. Thank you for your time.