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Please consider sponsoring a bill similar to the 2009 bill SB 174, 'A Bill Concerning Child Support when Rights are Terminated Based On Abuse or Neglect'.

Reasons making this legislation necessary:

- 1 Punitive effect the loss of support has on the victim.
- 2 Unjust to make the victim choose between safety and freedom from abuse and economic well-being.
- 3 Effects of poverty on children
- 4 Allowances to deviate when action is sponsored by DCF or at a petitioner's request.
- 5 Current terminations involve an economic analysis penalizing victims based on economic ability....very discriminatory.

Potential arguments against:

- 1 Punitive effect – double jeopardy
  - a. This is a ridiculous argument because the action is not criminal in nature and criminals can be sued civilly for their crimes, and it is a punitive issue. The real choice is who is deserving of the punitive action: the victim or the perpetrator?
- 2 Continued ties will perpetuate abuse
  - a. Biology continues and other relationships may continue: the bond of biology can never be broken by court order, only authority and control are removed.
- 3 Reduces ability of DCF to free abused children to become eligible for adoption
  - a. This is the purpose of the right of the Probate Judge to deviate for DCF sponsored actions.