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~~RAISED BILL~~ # 5313

Dear Madam/Sir:

Our grandson is 6 yrs old and his little sister is 4 yrs old.

We have been the only babysitter our grandchildren ever had since the day they were born (June 2003 and September 2005). We would babysit 3 days a week at their home and had them sleep over at our house almost every weekend.

In Nov 2008 our son asked if we would please purchase a house large enough for all of us to move in together. In Jan 2009 a home was found and purchased. After asking my son for three days off from babysitting so I could arrange my home for proper showing for the realtors, he became agitated with us. We have not seen or heard from the grandchildren since.

We hired a lawyer, who sent a letter to DCF stating our concerns for our grandchildren.. Nothing came of it. We met with a second lawyer. Again nothing. Both times we were told: Connecticut has no grandparents rights.....

Connecticut needs to provide a law that not only protects grandchildren when they can not protect themselves, but, also a law that is the voice for grandchildren when they can not speak for themselves.

Thank you..