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Attn: Members of the Judiciary Committee

I am deeply concerned about Maureen Murphy's performance as guardian ad litem in the case of ██████████ ██████████ now known as the case of Jane Doe vs. John Roe. In this case, Ms. Murphy's failure to take action to protect a child who is showing serious signs of sexual abuse augurs badly for her performance as a Superior Court Judge in the Connecticut Family Court system.

In May of 2010, ██████████ (aka Peter Roe)'s mother, reported to Maureen Murphy that he had run up to her one morning, pulled up her nightgown, and said that he wanted to stick his penis in her butt and pee inside. Ms. Murphy responded that she wanted to give the boy's father, ██████████ more time with ██████████ to see if ██████████'s symptoms worsened.

In June of 2010, Ms. Murphy called me to ask me about my observations of ██████████'s behavior. I reported that ██████████, then 6 years old, had tried to pull my pants down, that he had grabbed my breast, and his mother's breast (though he had never done anything of the kind on my previous visits to his home the year before), and that he had pulled down his pants and tried to show me his butt. I also reported that ██████████ had curled up next to me on a Saturday morning after watching a kids show on TV asked me if I wanted to touch his penis. I told Ms. Murphy that ██████████ had talked about there being a sea of weenies, putting one in his mouth and how it had then peed out of his hands. Ms. Murphy's response was, "Well, you keep saying that was in April. Would you say ██████████'s behavior has improved since then?" I was flabbergasted. It seemed that Maureen Murphy intended to act as if nothing had happened, and indeed, for the next 18 months she consistently ignored increasing signs of distress from ██████████, including those reported by the court ordered supervisor.

In August of 2010, Ms. Murphy arranged for shared custody, and ██████████ began talking about a madman peeing in his poopie, and asking things like, "What would you do if someone tortured you and your nephew with fire?" ██████████ began slapping himself in the face and falling down on the floor, saying he was dead. ██████████ also began talking about madmen pooping and peeing on him, and described to John Collins, the court appointed therapist that Maureen Murphy had picked out, how his mouth had been taped open for someone to poop in it. ██████████ immediately threw up after he had described this. (This incident was also witnessed by the court appointed supervisor, Allison Chiodo and Maureen Murphy was immediately notified of the incident by ██████████'s mother.)

Ms. Murphy ignored videos that [REDACTED]'s mother, [REDACTED], had taken on her iPhone in which [REDACTED] was talking about how his father played "tickle the weenie" with him, and she similarly ignored photos [REDACTED]'s mother had taken which showed evidence of a marks on [REDACTED]'s arms and toes that looked like [REDACTED] had been tied up and dragged across the floor. Maureen Murphy also ignored [REDACTED]'s mother's report that [REDACTED] showed severe cognitive impairment the day he came home with these marks.

Maureen Murphy further moved to keep evidence of abuse out of the courtroom, by working with the father's attorney to keep a digital copy of a photo [REDACTED]'s mother had taken away from the judge, allowing only a poor copy printout to be entered as evidence. This photo was taken when [REDACTED] had come home with rectal bleeding and showed very clear evidence of anal tearing.

In December of 2010, Ms. Murphy ignored reports by the court ordered supervisor, Allison Chiodo, that [REDACTED]'s father had crawled under the table while [REDACTED] was doing his homework and had massaged [REDACTED]'s thighs for at least 15 minutes. She also ignored the supervisor's report that [REDACTED]'s father had greeted [REDACTED] in the Emergency Room by massaging [REDACTED]'s thighs up to the groin.

Despite growing evidence of a systemic infection, including an ultra sound taken by [REDACTED]'s primary care physician, Dr. Richard Whelan, [REDACTED] has never had a sexual abuse evaluation, and [REDACTED]'s mother has been blocked by Maureen Murphy from taking him to any doctor. [REDACTED], who is only 8, continues to show signs of worsening health and is now kept home from school by his father about once a week due to vomiting or fever.

Her performance in the case of [REDACTED] is cause for very serious concern about Maureen Murphy's suitability to become a Superior Court Judge, in the Connecticut Family Court system.

Sincerely yours,



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