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To the Judiciary Committee

Chairs: Senator Eric Coleman, Representative Gerald Fox and members of the Judiciary Committee;

Good morning. I would have enjoyed being there tomorrow on April 5th for the Public Hearing to voice my support of Bills No 77 and 6685. I am, however, on my very first vacation with my daughter Juliette(pic attached here). I has taken me almost 3 years and over \$30,000 to get to this place where my daughter enjoys two nights a week with me and I can take her on a vacation. If I had had no money, I would very likely not see my daughter. My docket:

<http://civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/LoadDocket.aspx?DocketNo=FST-FA-10-4018275-S>

No child should be made to go through this. It's a child's right to have equal access to both parents. Along with many parents, I believe a child simply needs two parents equally. With so many absent parents, we need to protect the ones who stand up and want to be there for our youngest citizens. I would humbly ask that you also include a presumption of joint physical custody as an inclusion in these bills. Nothing speaks to the importance of both parents to a child like equally shared parenting. Last year, I sent you a petition signed by 300 supporters for equal parenting. I share with you the link once again now so their voices can be lended to this effort to fix this broken system:

<http://www.change.org/petitions/the-ct-state-house-give-children-equal-access-to-both-parents>

In addition, I support the changes in the statutes recommended by the Reform Commission that are in Bill 1155 and Bill 6688 as well as 6685 on Shared Custody.

Very Best,

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