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Instructions: Double Space, 12 Font, use all CAPS and type numbers as words.

1 I SUPPORT THE CHANGES IN BILL 1155 AND 6688 AND HOPE TO SEE BILL6685 MOVE
2 FORWARD REGARDING SHARED CUSTODY. REFORM IN CT. FAMILY LAW AND
3 DIVORCE IS DESPERATELY NEEDED. IN THE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED PARENTAL
15 SECONDS 4 ALIENATION CASE THAT WAS IN THE NEW HAVEN COURTHOUSE FOR THE PAST 2
5 YEARS, JERRY MASTRANGELO HAD SHARED CUSTODY OF HIS TRIPLETS. DESPITE
6 HAVING THIS COURT ORDER, THE CHILDREN'S MOTHER DENIED HIM ACCESS TO
7 HIS CHILDREN FOR THE PAST 2 ½ YEARS. SINCE PARENTAL ALIENATION TAKES
30 SECONDS 8 HOLD OF THE ENTIRE FAMILY, THE TRIPLETS HAVE NOT SEEN THEIR EXTENDED
9 FAMILY FOR YEARS. THEIR GRANDPA PASSED AWAY BEING DEPRIVED OF SEEING
10 HIS DEAR GRANDCHILDREN, THEIR NONIE ONLY HAS PICTURES TO REMEMBER
11 THEIR SMILES, COUSINS HAVE NOT LAUGHED OR SHARED SCHOOL AND FRIEND
12 STORIES, AUNTS AND UNCLES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GIVE HUGS AND KISSES
13 TO THOSE PRECIOUS FACES OR CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAYS WITH
14 THEM. I AM AN ALIENATED AUNT AND GODMOTHER TO ONE OF THE TRIPLETS.
15 THE LAST TIME I SAW MY NIECE WAS IN 2010 AT MY DAUGHTER'S BIRTHDAY
16 PARTY. THE COUSINS ATE, SWAM, HULA HOOPED AND PLAYED VOLLEYBALL ON A
1 MINUTE 17 BEAUTIFUL WARM DAY. THEY TRULY HAD FUN. THE MEMORY IS ETCHED IN MY
18 MIND AS THE LAST PARTY THAT WE CELEBRATED AS A UNITED FAMILY. I SAW MY
19 NEPHEWS FOR A FEW MINUTES IN 2012 WHEN THEY VISITED MY DAD AS HE WAS
DYING. THAT MEMORY IS ALSO ETCHED IN MY MIND; THE BOYS LOOKED SO

SCARED AND HELPLESS; IT WAS THEIR DAD THAT ENCOURAGED THEM TO HUG THEIR GRANDFATHER AS THEY WHISPERED A TIMID "HI GRANDPA". IF A SHARED CUSTODY LAW HAD EXISTED IN CT, THESE CHILDREN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THEIR PARENTS AFTER THEY DIVORCED. THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THEIR EXTENDED FAMILY AND THE PAIN OF KNOWING A GRANDPARENT WAS SO ILL WOULD HAVE BEEN EASED BY THE CONTINUOUS LOVE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THEM. I ATTENDED EVERY COURT SESSION FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS AND WITNESSED FIRSTHAND HOW THE COURT SYSTEM IS BROKEN. THE BEST INTEREST OF MY NEPHEWS AND NIECE WAS NEVER REALIZED AND TIME WAS OF NO CONCERN TO ANY OF THE ATTORNEYS OR THE JUDGE. CHILDREN DESERVE SO MUCH BETTER THAN WHAT I OBSERVED GOING ON IN THE COURTROOM. HOW COULD ANYONE CLAIM THAT TAKING A GOOD PARENT OUT OF HIS CHILD'S LIFE IS IN THEIR BEST INTEREST? INSTEAD OF THE ATTORNEYS CLAIMING TO HAVE THE CHILDREN'S BEST INTEREST, A LAW IS NEEDED TO ENFORCE WHAT IS ACTUALLY IN THE CHILDREN'S BEST INTEREST. AS THE SAYING GOES, ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS AND THE FAMILY COURTROOMS IN CT ARE CERTAINLY NOT REPRESENTING THIS EXPRESSION. PARENTAL ALIENATION IS CHILD ABUSE AND SHARED CUSTODY LAWS WOULD PREVENT THIS ABUSE.

