

March 11, 2015

To: The Judiciary Committee

RE: Committee Bill No. 5505 *04691HB05505JUD*

An Act Concerning Family Court Proceedings

I am a victim of the Family Court Proceedings regarding a high conflict divorce. In all honesty, **"I wish I didn't know now what I didn't know then."** But , I **DO know NOW** ,and , I am disgusted with how this system works. It's all about the money as children should not have to be purchased. Parents who once were able to go on vacation, should not struggle to live day by day, all because the family court system has robbed them of their last dollar. However, I am grateful for any positive changes that can be made and would like to voice both my support and concerns regarding Committee Bill No. 5505.

Regarding SECTION 1 (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2015)

This entire section needs to be changed to **abolish supervised visitations.** This section indicates 4 areas that the judge could rule in favor of supervised visitations. **All are improper and allow for the court to abuse their power and discretion to funnel money into private organizations.**

Supervised visitations cause trauma for the children. It is not in their best interest, it confuses them, and impairs their child development.

If a parent had a neglect charge substantiated in the past, and does not have an active or open case with DCF, that should never mandate supervised visitations. Does it really make sense that a Family Court Judge would "re-open" the matter by ordering supervised visits after DCF closed the case? Of course not! This leads to further corruption .

- 1) Needs to be **removed** and **replaced** with **"such parent has an active and open case with DCF . DCF's protocol will be followed"**.
- 2) "Has no established relationship with the child with whom visitation is sought ," needs to be **removed**. This allows for parents who engage in parental interference to lie to the court to further remove their ex -spouse from the lives of the children whom they are abusing. This leaves room for more abuse and power by the court and keeps the conflict high, costing high amounts of money being paid to the court and their providers.
- 3) " has engaged in criminal conduct that presents a potential risk to the health, safety, or well-being of a child". This must be **REMOVED** or replaced with a time frame. If someone was arrested 10 years prior for a Breach of Peace, the ex-spouse can use that

to keep a parent from their children. Back to the corruption game which must be abolished.

- 4) "suffers from a severe mental health disability that presents a potential risk to the health , safety or well-being of a child". Too broad. Judge not qualified to determine if someone has a disability.

IF DCF DOES NOT HAVE AN ACTIVE OPEN CASE, FAMILY COURT HAS NO BUSINESS INTERVENING. ADDS TO THE CORRUPTION IN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT. It also gives the upper hand to the spouse with more money.

Regarding SECTION 2 (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2015).

I APPLAUD THIS. I SUPPORT IT. I PRAY THAT THIS IS APPROVED....THANK YOU!

Regarding SECTION 3 (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2015)

- A) This is good that the parent can select their own health care provider, **if needed.**
- B) This is good. Improvement from GAL's using cash based therapist who are in the AFCC like Attorney John Mager of Milford CT does.
- C) **No report should be placed on public record from a therapist, not in 30 days, not ever. Please REMOVE.**

Regarding SECTION 4(NEW) (Effective October 1, 2015)

e) MUST Remove" health care professionals shall be heard on matters....." This allows for further corruption and will drain the finances of parents. If DCF is not involved, the family court should not interfere with a parent's ability to support their children in their therapeutic process. Most therapists don't interfere with their client's education, care, or support. This entire section is a foundation for further corruption and beyond the scope of the duties of a traditional family based therapist. **It also gives the upper hand to the spouse with more money.**

Thank you for your efforts and consideration

Respectfully

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