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Dear Judiciary Committee Members:

I would like to share with you how some individuals use ex-parte restraining orders in family court.

Facts:

1. 12/06 - a mother during a divorce proceeding, absent abuse, neglect and domestic violence, lied on her affidavit and the restraining order was ordered. Dad had to turn over his pistol permit. Dad was judged from this day forward in regards to his family court case. Dad was labeled even though mom used the process to her benefit not for her protection.
2. 12/06 - 10 days later, this mother lied to the police and claimed her husband was not bringing home their child. If this police officer didn't do his due diligence, this dad would have been incarcerated.
3. It later came out in the police report and family relations report stating that both these accusations were used to simply have dad arrested. There was no validity to either charges.

I am hypersensitive to domestic violence and I want all potential victims to be protected. I think it's important to use perjury charges in family court cases to help avoid false applications for restraining orders and false police reports. When everything was over, dad was not afforded his due process.

Another case:

One day I sat in a New Haven Family Court to observe cases.

Facts:

1. A 20-something young man was sitting next to me reviewing his written notes
2. A woman was testifying as to why she was requesting a restraining order
3. Unbeknownst to me, this woman was trying to have a restraining order signed by Judge on this young man sitting next to me
4. The young man testified
 - a. He stated that he didn't have any notice that this woman filed an application for a restraining order against him
 - b. He was alerted by a family member
 - c. The woman was not able to provide reasons as to why she should be given this restraining order
 - d. Restraining order was not granted

What about the men and woman not given notice so they can defend themselves? There's no consequences for making false accusations in family court. There's no due process. There should be a hearing so that both parties can be heard before believing the applicant.