

Testimony

RE: House Bill 5044 / Public Hearing 2/11/2016

Fatherhood Programs are necessary to help fathers engage positively with their children and families, FH programs assist fathers in becoming strong role models for our troubled young boys, who desperately need their father's guidance. By cutting FH programs it's telling our children we don't care about them, as politicians you canvass our neighborhoods during election time hoping to gain votes, after getting elected you sit in your office in your comfortable leather chair, the news constantly shows our children fighting & killing one another, whether in their neighborhoods or in their schools, then we come to find out that our children lack a father in the house. Now that fathers are coming home from incarceration, they should play a role in the positive development of our children, but they can't, because they lack certain Fathering Skills due to being incarcerated, but FH programs help fathers gain those Fathering Skills and be there for their children, so by cutting FH programs you are simply saying

"Our Children's Lives Don't Matter".

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