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Chairperson Patton and Judiciary Committee Members:

My name is KellieLynn Mancuso (formally KellieLynn Holm) and I oppose SB157. On my 18th birthday I legally changed my last name from Holm to Mancuso so I no longer had to be legally known as the daughter of Ron (Ronald) Holm. My mother was granted sole custody of me with no parenting time for Ron Holm during my parent's divorce because of the mental and physical abuse I suffered by Ron Holm. A no contact order was requested by our guardian ad litem and granted by the court because of his actions against me. Sadly I continue to see abuse and harassment toward my family from Mr. Holm even though it has been years since the divorce. SB157 represents his newest weapon against my mom, and although it is temporary orders, he will use it as a stepping stone in legislation to change the current agreed to plans.

I testified in court multiple times to the abuse I endured and what I saw my mother have to go through during their 12 years of marriage- the holes in the wall, the verbal abuse and more. It finally ended when my mother endured physical abuse at the hands of Ron Holm while she was pregnant with my youngest sister. I was at the house when the abuse occurred, I took the pictures of her injuries and I also testified in court against Mr. Holm. He was convicted of domestic battery in Municipal Court, but somehow managed to get his conviction overturned at the District Court level. I've since learned that Wyandotte County has an extremely low jury conviction rate for domestic battery.

When my mother was married to Ron Holm and was at work or not at home, I

was forced to take care of my siblings and do all the things a parent not a child should be doing for them. I fear he makes my sister now have that responsibility for my brother and little sister.

Please look at what the bill's supporters agendas really are and do not take away the court's ability to make custody decisions even just in temporary orders that will protect the children involved. Automatic shared parenting takes away the incentive for parents to really work out the best custody arrangement for the children and puts children at risk.

Every case is different and custody arrangements cannot be "cookie cutter" / one size fits all. Mandatory shared parenting even in temporary orders does not work for everyone.

Sincerely,

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