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RE: Senate Bill 157

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in support of Senate Bill 157. Every child needs both parents; it takes a family to help raise mentally and physically healthy children. For the past seven years my grandchildren have been pawns in a custody battle where their mother has been allowed to disobey court orders and neglect their development without any accountability. The courts have facilitated on going parental alienation at the expense of the development of these children. We need laws that equally protect the rights of children to have both parents in their lives.

My son was always involved in his children's lives from day one. He has continued to fight to stay in their lives seeking more parenting time as well as advocating for the court orders to be followed. This battle has put a strain on him and our family emotionally, physically and financially. He has suffered the stress of seeing his children being neglected causing a constant emotional and financial drain.

This bill is important to preserve the rights of parents to be involved in the lives of their children and protect children from the trauma of not having both parents in their lives.

Sincerely,


Kathy Pike