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Written testimony in support of Senate Bill 157

Thank you for allowing me to submit my written testimony, please accept my apologies for not being able to speak in person. My name is Ryan Brady and I am a Kansas native, a full time working father of three children, and a member of the Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee. I have first hand experience with our family court systems, and I know that the way things are being handled today is not in the best interest of the children.

I support this bill for several reasons:

- This bill will reduce conflict by creating a standard that both parents are equally important.
- Equal access to both parents is vital to a child when going through an extremely tough situation where their world is being changed, and they have no control.
- Building relationships and helping to form a child is next to impossible with the typical custody arrangements that are awarded in Kansas.
- The way that this bill is written, allows for judges to still make personalized plans that are not equal in situations where it doesn't make sense or the child may be placed in danger.
- Parents who are awarded custody typically have less earning potential due to the added responsibilities of raising the child basically on their own. By sharing the responsibilities equally, both parents are able to increase earning potential.

I cannot stress the importance having the maximum amount of time possible with children is to forming and maintaining relationships with your children. Lengthy testimony from me is not needed, this is a simple solution that recognizes the importance of both parents.

Thank you for your time, and please support this bill.

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