

- To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a proponent for HB 14. I have not been given the chance to read it in its entirety but have read some of the highlights of it. I would like to share a little bit of my personal story in hopes that it will make legislators understand just how terrible the current laws are. Before I go in to details, I will share with you this has long been the case of torment for many families and all fit parents have the right to be a parent to their innocent child and there should always be repercussions for malicious filings of lies against the other parent. So my story goes in as few words as possible:

When my son was born, I was residing in Scioto County. I was currently going through a divorce in Scioto County Domestic Court due to an abusive spouse. Our son was born and his father had relocated to an unknown location. Once his location was established, visitation started. On his very first visit with his son, he immediately took him to Southern Ohio Medical Center proclaiming to not know what to do with him. CPS was called and parenting classes and supervised visits were recommended. Something that the domestic court never followed up on. I always wanted my son to see his father in a safe environment and it was never a right denied to him! He routinely failed to exercise his visitations to the point of having to meet at local law enforcement offices to have it logged when he failed to show. I was constantly ridiculed by his attorney and the court for him not seeing his child even with police officers as witnesses to his failure to exercise them, holding me in contempt several times. The countless visits from Sheriff's deputies to our house was numerous and requested by my son's father and his attorney proclaiming "well child checks" as the reason for the visits. When our son was I believe 2, it was confirmed he wasn't being given his epilepsy medication while in his father's care, yet the courts did nothing and CPS recommended again supervised visits! I was pulled over by the Scioto County Sheriff's Deputies 5 to 6 times a week for no reason! They didn't even ask about my child, they just harassed me!

Where is this going, you may be wondering? When our son was approximately 3 1/2 years old the Scioto County Sheriff's office would send out as many as 7 deputies to my parent's house where we resided. Our neighbors witnessed it many times when we weren't home. Why would they be basically sending out a SWAT team? What could it mean? What it meant was his father along with his attorney had filed I believe it was 47 different allegations against me in Scioto County Juvenile Court! They alleged child abuse! Mind you, I had never once had CPS called on me! Now it was under the jurisdiction of another court. My son was immediately ripped from me after I was held by the Scioto County Sheriff's department and my parents called to bring him in or I was going to be placed in jail and I wasn't told why other than there was a "court order." One deputy even told me that I was going to be the death of him! My parents complied out of fear for what would be done to me. We went almost 4 months without getting to see or speak to my son. The next 4 months we were afforded supervised visits in a modular at Scioto County Children's Services being told what I could and couldn't say or do with my son! (The same place that had so many times recommended supervised visits for his father!) 8 1/2 months after he was so wrongfully taken, the court found not 1 of the 47 allegations to be true! Not 1! Yet 8 1/2 months of torment, 4 months of not seeing my son, literally only about 12 hours in almost 9 months went by. My parents, his grandparents weren't even permitted to see him! The court ordered my son to be given back "instantly." It was not done! My son's father moved out of his house and even pulled our son out of preschool! When the Portsmouth Police caught up with him and asked the court for an arrest order, it was denied! Another 2

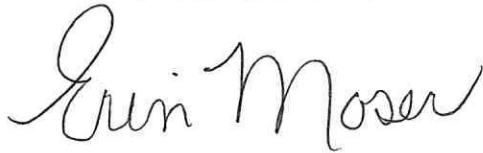
1/2 months went by, I didn't know where my child was. We had a court hearing this time back in Scioto County Domestic Relation's Court. My son's father showed up and to our shock he alleged to the court, he was OWED MISSED VISITATIONS! He just had him for over 10 months and refused to follow a court order to give him back! The court allowed his lies to continue despite my attorney arguing the facts about his false allegations that had resulted in so much missed time, threats by police and court orders! I had moved during said time to Licking County for employment. When the court allowed me to have him back, my son was enrolled in preschool there and had an appointment with a specialist who is one of the top providers for my son's rare condition in New York. His father was aware of this, nothing had been hidden and it was all documented! We ended up having a hearing the day of the appointment and once again to our shock, the Scioto County Sheriff's office deputies were in the court room before I even testified! Take a guess what happened! I was drug off to jail where I was held without warrant because my son's father told the court I had moved to New York despite me working for Licking Memorial Hospital in Newark, Ohio! When I was "booked" so to speak, they didn't even have any charges against me from the court, just told to hold me until once again my child was handed over to the Sherriff's department. I literally spent 4 days and 3 nights in the Scioto County Jail because the judge did not issue a release order when he told the Sheriff to hold me! The court gave my son back to his father based on his lies that were all proven to be lies!

Five months later we are back in court and during that five months, I didn't get to see my child again!!! My parents didn't get to see their grandchild again!!! An ad Litem was granted who ironically was the one used in the Juvenile Court Case. She never met with me, she never conducted a home visit because she was sick (she had over a year to conduct one!). Under her own admission she did admit that I had given her a stack of proof of my innocence but "she didn't have time to look at any of it!" She recommended that I not be allowed to see my child since she could never meet with me! The court bought into her bias opinion no doubt formed during the false allegation claims in juvenile court and gave full custody to my son's father who with in less than a week moved over two hours away! Yet when I moved for work, he alleged it was to keep his child from him and the court believed him! Yet it was okay for him to move for work! Guess what, I went months not getting to see my son again! I was granted a few phone calls here and there but very very few visits! We went about 6 more months without getting to see my child. At a court hearing, his father was advised to let me have the upcoming weekend with him or he would be in contempt. Not jail, contempt! I did get to see my son and he was lucky to be with us when his little brother was born as was court ordered, then we went another 3 months without getting to see my son again! His father was never held in contempt, he was never put in jail, he never was held accountable for any of it by the court system! Then there was my court ordered vacation. You'd think I was permitted to take my child and have some quality time. He didn't bring him. I went to his residence with a London Police officer who was told by him that on Tuesday I could see my son. Tuesday came and I didn't see him. The same officer took me to get my child. Approximately 8 hours later my son's father proclaimed I had kidnapped my son to the very police agency that went with me to get him. I was threatened by the Madison County prosecutor that if I did not return my son to his father an amber alert would be issued and kidnapping charges filed against me for taking a court awarded vacation. Once again I was forced to turn my child over based on false allegations to law enforcement yet his father was never held accountable for his proven lies to the court.

During the course of my son's life, I went over 4 years with ZERO visitations or phone calls and was ridiculed by the court system without cause based on the lies of his father. I wasn't even allowed to seek medical treatment for my child who was born with medical problems! My parents even had to sue for grandparent's rights to be able to see their only

grandchild! My religion was used against me, my work was used against me, my residence was used against me and even my education was used against me. His father continued to lie, go against court orders, was caught red handed numerous times causing hard to our son and was constantly rewarded by the system. Equal responsibility? It didn't apply to his father I, he paid nothing of his 50% of medical bills but I paid and my credit paid due to his negligence, the court didn't care and never held him responsible for any of his child's needs not even a car seat or formula was provided by his father, it all was put on me. He paid less than \$500 in child support my son's entire life because the court wouldn't make him be responsible and help with expenses for his child! How is any of this justified? The fact of the matter is there are preexisting laws in Ohio that govern Domestic Relations unfortunately there is also the fact that according to the Supreme Court of Ohio that a judge can go against the written law if he/she sees fit. So why do we have laws if a judge can do whatever they want? Why was my family treated so poorly by the system with no proof of anything? Why does Ohio allow this? HB 14 seems to be a helpful solution to many of the issues I was victim of. I'm not on drugs, I'm gainfully employed, the only time I've been in jail or held by police has been when my child's father lied? I have a record because someone lied and wasn't held accountable by the court! How would you feel if this was you son or daughter done this way or your grandchild? I absolutely have documentation to 100% back what I have written and would ask you to reach out to me if you are interested in learning more so other families hopefully are helped by sharing our families story. HB 14 could potentially avoid many of these issues, if in the beginning parents are given equal rights and are made to pay for the mistakes along the way, be it in the form of contempt or loss of equal parenting time.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Moser". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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