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Hello, good morning ladies and gentleman of the judiciary committee. My name is Patsy Grant and I am from Holland, Ohio. I would like to say that I oppose the HB 14 as it is written. It is apparent that there, is not enough protection for women and children in place that are victims of domestic violence.

I personally have tried so hard to protect my children and myself from an abusive felon my ex-spouse. LCCS (Lucas County Children Services) (Lucas County Juvenile Court) (Lucas County Family Court), these courts above have ordered and or have told me to stay away from my abuser or I would lose my children. Only for the ones that ordered me to have no contact with my ex-spouse to turn around and give him my children straight out of prison. I complied with every court order. My ex-spouse was in prison for many years and for many violent charges such as (drug-trafficking, Severe domestic violence, and Intimidation with a victim with a weapon, He took a plea deal for sexual abuse on many different women and many violations of several protection orders, that I was told to obtain against my ex- spouse. The court has ordered no contact with my ex-spouse and then they get him out of prison while he still had active warrants in another city. Then they gave him custody of my children because LCCS said to do so and they punish the victim by taking her children away from her. My parental rights were terminated to only my youngest daughter so they could give her to my abuser. Lucas County Children Services and the courts said I am a good enough mother to my other children but not my youngest daughter? My daughter in considered in limbo due to my daughter being placed with a felon and cannot adopt her because he is a repeated violent felon. My youngest daughter not from my abuser, was taking at the age of 2 years old and is now 12 years old. She has been forced to go to different homes and live in horrific living conditions and abuse due to the placement recommended by the LCCS and Lucas County Courts with no reason. Terminating your parent's parental rights is equal in criminal law to the death penalty.

There is nothing in HB 14 that addresses restoring parental rights to accomplish the 50/50 shared parenting. The court magistrates and judges use their position and power to cause great harm and destruction instead of following the law, instead they allow legal abuse to keep going. They do not follow their own court orders. We cannot allow the court magistrates and judges determinations concerning domestic violence because as in my case and many, many others the courts and LCCS ordered me to have no contact with my ex-spouse. They then turned around and got him out of prison and gave him my children including my daughter not any relation to my ex-spouse what so ever. I followed the orders from the courts and when doing so I lost my children to my abuser. It

does not make any sense to me why LCCS and the courts took my children with no proof and the one that is a repeated violent felon is awarded custody. As I have been told repeatedly by many professionals in various positions "if you can make sense of this then there is something wrong with you ".

However, I was given custody of my two children for ten days while he went to prison for non-compliance with court orders, out of Juvenile court! Only to turn around and give them back once he got out of prison. Our local newspaper did an article on the deaths of children in foster care and when it was commented on that LCCS does not follow any rules or regulations the article became the most commented on in acritical history, the truth is not part of LCCS's policies. The system is beyond corrupt and Its time to stand up Ohio and protect all victims of domestic violence and not victimize them.

Thank you

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