

AFFIDAVIT / WITNESS TESTIMONY
OPPOSITION TO HB 14 / OPPONENT

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Dear Chairwoman Schmidt, I send written testimony of my opposition to the HB 14 brought before the committee by Rep. Rodney Creech who prior to this HB 14, tried to introduce the HB 508, unsuccessfully. It is apparent that Rep Creech is forum shopping his Bill with an agenda that does not suit the needs of women and children that are victims of Domestic Violence / Abuse. Now I do not oppose good parents having equal rights to their children's lives as long as it protects the health and safety of the children.

Most times children are caught in the cross hairs of violent fathers who are angry that the woman / wife / mother would leave an abusive marriage to save herself and her children. These men become highly aggressive when they realize that their "property" is leaving for a better safer life. This leaves women and children in grave danger of injury and death.

My story briefly is that of a life of domestic violence / abuse in an almost (20) year marriage until my eldest children helped me escape to a Motel 6 in Liberty, Ohio. I never knew freedom, I never had friends, I wasn't allowed. My job was to serve my owner at his beck and call, I wasn't permitted to have a life of happiness, my only happiness were my children, and my abuser knew that and used that to his advantage.

I filed for a Dissolution, it was granted and set for a hearing to sign the Final Decree. My ex-spouse then hunted and stalked me while armed with a machete and the intent to kill me just (2) weeks later as a punishment for leaving him. He went to jail, I was granted a (5) year Civil Protection Order. **EXHIBIT A. (Protection Order)**

The charges got pled down and he was found guilty of lesser charges. This enabled my abuser to have my children crossed off of the First (1st) Protection Order and he was granted visitation. My Abuser then repeatedly caused great harm and injury to me and my children. While Mahoning County was trying to protect me and my children, Trumbull County ignored the Protection Order and carelessly did not honor the terms of the Protection Order.

This action of glossing over my Protection Order in Trumbull County further emboldened my Abuser and he subsequently broke into my home and attacked me while I was in my own shower. He sexually assaulted me and he was found in contempt of the first Protection Order.

My Abuser used the family court as a weapon against me and his attorney ended up forging my attorney's signature on an official court document, the Journal Entry, which unlawfully vacated my entire Dissolution and Separation Agreement in order to give my Abuser the unlawful advantage. My Abuser said he isn't paying for my body that he cannot use sexually. **EXHIBIT B. (Proof of felony forgery on the Court document vacating my rights).**

There have been multiple instances of severe harm to me and my children at the hands of my Abusive ex-spouse. I, on the other hand, have no criminal history, no drugs or alcohol use ever, and I have never harmed or abused anyone.

As it came about, my Abuser took me back to court repeatedly and he had an agenda that he was going to inflict the ultimate punishment upon me. As a punishment for reporting the Domestic Violence / Abuse, as well as going to the D.A. and U.S. Attorney about the felony forgery on my official court document, my Abuser filed for full custody, and he was awarded full custody. He and his lawyer submitted (3) phony contempt motions that I was "alienating" the father when he was arrested for trying to murder me, and when he was arrested for punching my (9) year old son twice in the face in Sam's Club. Those very same (3) phony contempt motions, which were the "sole grounds" basis for the change in custody were completely "withdrawn" and "dismissed", but the court still gave my Abuser full custody at a trial that I was forbidden to attend because I refused to dismiss my protection order from Mahoning County. **EXHIBIT C. (Proof that the courts took abusers visits, not me, and other abuse documented).**

If HB 14 passes, all victims of Domestic Violence / Abuse will not stand a chance at having their children in their lives because all the abuser has to do is pay court officials to falsely claim "parental alienation" and then the Guardian ad Litem will testify that he doesn't "think" the mother is willing or able to follow the directives of the court. That's all it takes, and that is what Rodney Creech is banking on as he himself had a Protection Order placed against him. Rep. Creech did not fancy the idea that he had to pay child support to a woman / mother of his child when he wasn't even allowed near her. This ate a hole in Rodney Creech and he is out for revenge through his H B 14.

The HB 14 is designed to punish women who report abuse, it puts the safety of children into the hands of a stranger wearing a black robe who knows nothing of the history of the family standing before him / her. When an abuser remarries, his new woman does not want her now husband to pay child support because that takes away from her and any children they may have living with them. This new woman will support the taking of the first wife's children to punish her and prevent any payments going to the first wife.

HB 14 would also make sure a rapist has at least 50% of parenting time with any child born from that rape, and now the victim will have to face her attacker at each and every visitation exchange.

The HB 14 is not written properly and does not provide any safety measures to prevent the violent parent from gaining more access to the children. The courts are already using phony parental alienation allegations against good others in order to take away moms kids to punish her for leaving. Rep. Rodney Creech is out for revenge and this Bill already failed as the HB 508. We cannot allow this Bill to pass the way it is written.

Countless women and children will be unlawfully separated when the vengeful abuser wants to weaponize the courts against a loving parent. All the family court actors would have to type up is that mom "probably" won't comply, or we "think" mom won't comply, and there goes the mother child bond, broken, just the way the abuser likes it. This happened to me on a grand scale, I still do not have contact with my kids and I've never done one thing wrong. This Bill is dangerous.

Respectfully
Submitted
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