

SENATE BILL 174 OPPOSITION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I cannot believe I have to write an opposition letter to this absolute garbage bill known as Senate Bill 174. You should be aware that this bill was written by judges, attorneys and the Ohio bar association. To deny that you are not informed or willingly ignorant. This bill intends to strip every parent of their right to raise their children as they see fit. It ignores the GOD given rights bestowed upon us by our maker to raise our children without the interference of the government. The government should be nowhere near our family's period. This bill is a direct violation of the US constitution as well as the Ohio Constitution with regards to parental rights. That is a direct violation of the separation of powers (Legislative, Judicial and Executive). The Judicial branch should never write any piece of legislation. EVER!

#1 We must severely limit judges' discretion period. The family court system is full of megalomaniac judges who want to play GOD with our children. In these corrupt family courts, they use the evidentiary standard of "Preponderance of the Evidence" which gives these judges cart blanche to run roughshod over parents. The standard must be the use of "Clear and Convincing Evidence" in all cases. Judges must be required to give a written finding of facts in all cases where parental rights are taken away or if they violate the least restrictive means when applying unequal amounts of time to either parent. Children deserve equal amounts of time with each parent regardless of marital status, including the never married. Every statistical metric (research) shows that equal time with each parent is what is in the "BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD". Stop letting these courts play "Cash for Kids" scenario because of Federal Social Security Act Title IV-D incentives. You should know that Federal Social Security Act Title IV-D funds these judges' retirements and court employees.

#2 All domestic violence allegation cases must be adjudicated in criminal court before they can be introduced as evidence in family court (a Civil Court).

#3 Most all Temporary Orders are a direct civil rights violation. According to the US Supreme Court parental rights are "Fundamental rights" (substantive) and may not be taken away without a "Clear and Convincing Evidence Standard" having been met with full "Due Process" and "Strict Scrutiny".

In closing, this bill is complete and utter garbage written by those who have a vested interest in building upon the Status Quo and increasing the cost of the battles that parents must face to retain their "GOD GIVEN RIGHTS" to their children in Family Courts in Ohio. This bill does not address any of the fundamental issues which plague the corrupt family court system in Ohio. I am pleading that you reject this bill with a resounding "**NO VOTE**" every time. Protect our children not the profiteers (Judges, attorneys, and the Ohio Bar association)

Sincerely,

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