

Good Afternoon Chairman,

My name is Patsy Grant, and I am from Holland, Ohio. It is apparent that there is not enough protection for women and children in place in the United States of America. Mother's who obtain protection orders and have no criminal record report abuse are losing their children to their abusers.

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 punished 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 is considered in limbo due to my daughter being placed with a felon and by law is not allowed to adopt her because he is a repeated violent felon. My youngest daughter, not from my abuser, was taken at the age of 2 years old and is now 15 years old. She has been forced to go to different homes and endure horrific living conditions and abuse due to the placement recommended by the LCCS and Lucas County Courts with no reason. My youngest daughter is currently harming her self and my oldest son is trying to get her to live with him and court is next week. In Ohio once your Parental Rights are Involuntarily terminated you are not allowed to have them reinstated. Right now in America 11 states allow reinstatement we need this for all of the USA. In my case my ex lawyer was dating our magistrate which now are married this happens more than we are aware of and families lives are destroyed by the hands of the government. Terminating your parent's parental rights is equal in criminal law to the death penalty.

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. My ex-spouse currently is being charged with crimes against our son that has autism also he almost killed and slaved him so he and his wife could steal from him. 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., the truth is not part of LCCS's policies. The system is beyond corrupt, and its time to stand up in the United States of America and protect all victims of domestic violence and not victimize them.

Good Afternoon Chairman, I feel that SB-174 is taking all of the parental rights away and putting them into the Judges hands. I feel that we as parents should be able raise our children without government interference. I have personal been affected in Lucas county by LCCS and they have to prove nothing before the judge to remove your children. We need to allow reinstatement after parental rights have been terminated by corruption. My autistic son may die soon if he doesnt get a liver due to abuse from my ex that LCCS protected . Please contact me for more horrible things that were done to my children under the care of a repeated violent felon.

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