

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HOUSE 405

Good Afternoon Ladies, Gentlemen and Members of the Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my enduring support of House Bill 405 for compelling reasons of which have led to poor long term health determinants of my daughters: One who was being trafficked and now works as an Escort, the other who is struggling with dysregulation, has recently given birth to a child and drug use despite her pleas of being coerced into using drugs in my abusers home, something of which he admitted to in a parent teacher meeting.

As a survivor of Domestic Violence, a witness to my children's abuse from abuse in a delivery suite, minutes after the obstetric team left the room and my firstborn was minutes old, to being choked while five months pregnant, to being alienated from my eldest daughter and finding out about her surgery from insurance statements of which I pay for, to having to scrounge around for high school graduation tickets of which my abuser hoarded and did not share, despite the fact that though he had full physical custody, we shared by Court Order, full legal custody of which he flouted, time after time.

My support of House Bill 405 stems from a judge and a BIA with knowledge of child pornography involving my daughters and a ninth grader attending Reservoir High School, an image of which still haunts me. My support of House Bill 405 stems from the alienation from my daughter, from Mother's Days, Holidays, and other events of which I should have been included, but was nonetheless alienated.

My support of House Bill 405 stems from my youngest daughter getting knocked out at her father's home, my abuser bearing witness and refusing to take her to be treated, accusing her of "faking it," resulting in my taking her to treatment the next day, only to hear the pleas of a doctor to not return her to her father's home and noted that Child Protective Services would be notified.

My support of HB 405 stems from a judge making an Executive Decision supported by a BIA, in stark contrast to the evaluation of the Court Evaluator, who determined, neglect was taking place in my abuser's home, the home was not suitable to live in and abuse, drug and alcohol exposure to minors along with reportedly underage sex of minors taking place in the home of my abuser.

My support of HB 405 stems from the long term health determinants of both daughters, the eldest being involved in human trafficking and now working as an escort and dependent on alcohol and drugs and the youngest who is very dysregulated, despite her pleas to leave her father's home, began vaping, has recently given birth to a child and has now joined a cult and is involved with someone who has a criminal past.

My support of HB 405 stems from hearing the pleas of my daughter and information given from her therapist as complete high school and despite my daughter's pleas of saying she was being coerced into using drugs in my abuser's home, something he admitted to a year ago in a parent teacher meeting.

My support of HB 405 stems from my voice censored by Court Sealed documents and Gag Orders and many women and mothers like me whose voices have gone too long unheard into a black whole of injustices facilitated by certain actors in the Family Courts.

It should also be noted that in my case when abusers escape through impunity, other injustices take place within the Family Court which results in favor of the abuser. More specifically, my abuser forged my signature on a Tax Return, whited out my address, placed his PO Box number on the return and cashed the check by placing into a bank account opened by him. The case was initially placed in Criminal Court, the Administrative judge had the case bumped up to Family Court and the case was dropped. The lack of accountability in this instance of Coercive Control was similar to the case of my ex-husband having been charged with neglect and Spousal Abuse, and the abuse and abuse of my children were never addressed.

My support of HB 405 stems from an Administrative judge knowing the specifics mentioned herein this testimony and removing it from the Docket herself, further concealing what transpired.

My support of HB 405 stems from this slow moving tragedy that I will never know will end.

Without hesitation, I fully support HB 405.

Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen for your time.