

Good morning, I will not be able to attend but I hope this email will suffice as my testimony.

In 2012, I was granted primary custody of my two daughters that were 5 and 4 years old. I went into court with the belief that no matter how much I knew I could provide a stable and consistent living environment for them, simply because I was their father, I probably would not be granted no more than visitation and little say in how their lives would develop.

I became the exception because their mother chose to leave out of state, and that was the mitigating circumstance that caused the court's ruling.

Many fathers do want to be more active in their children's lives and can be the primary custodial parent. Yet under maternal rulings, are only subjugated to visitation, joint legal custody and child support.

Having it be the rule and not the exception that both parents will be looked upon for the best interest of the child(ren) should be made into law so that it doesn't matter who has a better lawyer or who makes the most, or even who feels entitled to the children it should be what's best for them.

Thank you very respectfully and I hope this helps.

GOD Bless you

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Father of two great little people growing in The Great County of Prince George's.