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Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais c/o Judiciary Committees Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Issue: House Bill 0505 (Formerly 1328)

Dear Delegate Dumais:

Winning Strategies: Fatherhood, The Courts & Custody, supports House Bill 0505 because it can assist fathers throughout Maryland with having court ordered access to their children.

As we read through the proposed House Bill, we thought about the current guiding family law where joint custody is not mentioned and therefore it is suggested that both parents have equal access to the child/children, if one of the parents have not committed crimes against children or a heinous crime. That being mentioned, our question is:

- 1. Will this House Bill ensure the fairness by judges/magistrates will give EACH parent legal decision making and parenting time because we have read orders when the orders favored the mother with SOLE CUSTODY, and no legal justification was given?
- 2. How can this House Bill ensure the judges/magistrates do not abuse their powers by not being fair in the decision-making process for equal parenting time?

Winning Strategies advocates for Fatherhood Fairness and we believe that fairness can happen, but it needs to happen without improper interference which can result in a referral to the Judicial Disabilities office because that judge/magistrate attempted to improperly enforce "their" judgement.

Winning Strategies support Delegate Dumais House Bill 0505 (Formerly 1328) we believe this House Bill is a start to providing Fatherhood Fairness in 2021.

Thank you for your time and attention to "Fatherhood Fairness 2021". We will be surveying agencies, nonprofits and governmental employees who can take part in this survey for better treatment of fathers.

Sincerely, The Winning Strategies Team

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