

Hello Chairman and members of the committee.

I am strongly urging a favorable vote on HB561. I am an adult survivor of child abuse. This bill would change the lives of so many children by educating our judges to make better decisions for the safety of children and families in custody cases. We need this bill to be passed, we need it! Our children are suffering, our families are suffering because our judges do not have the necessary education on how to navigate these cases. How many more families need to suffer before we come to the realization that our judges need this! We all do things in life that we do not want to do but need to do for the safety of others. I'm hoping the correct decision is made on behalf of our families and children.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.