JPR Hearing - SB0028 2023 Session

Dear Senators,

Please vote done Chris West's SB0028 (Child Custody - Legal Decision Making and Parenting Time).

I've been giving testimony on this same, hollow, useless bill for a full decade now.

The bill offers nothing to help child outcomes, family cohesion nor equity in child custody determinations.

That this bill is even trounced in front of you during a busy Session shows a certain disrespect for your time (as well as an underlying collusion between the sponsor and the latest "judge" in Montgomery County).

Once again, for the tenth or so year, I'm urging an UNFavorable for this bill. For additional details, I've pasted my testimony from 2017 on the same bill. My... time does fly. humbly ~vince From: Vince McAvoy <vince.mcavoy@yahoo.com>

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Subject: Family Law Sub-Committee / Term 2017 / HouseBill 508

Dear Delegates Please view my testimony from last Thursday regarding a request for an UNfavorable on Del. Dumais HB508.

http://mgahouse.maryland.gov/mga/play/babfe5c1-a7f1-4e6b-a0f6-b3a74c225c0a? catalog/03e481c7-8a42-4438-a7da-93ff74bdaa4c&playfrom=13789000

Also, she is requesting that additional testimony be submitted by Cynthia Callahan & a former head of the Family Law Section (i.e. - those divorce lawyers who profit from Family Law legislation) for her unfavorable bill HB508 after the time for submitting testimony. Her premise is that they will support her flawed bill and that being out of the country somehow precluded them from submitting written testimony. I ask you to rebuke that as unethical, preferential treatment to a legislator who is an attorney creating law that will both help her practice and those law firms of her acquaintance.

I also point out that Judge Callahan was wrongfully included on the HB687 taskforce in the first place. [That board being the facade under which Del. Dumais submits this bill on an annual basis.] While I had discussed the inequity of the appointees to the Commission being financial stakeholders last week, and I had discussed this unfairness in years prior, and discussed this with proponents of EQUALITY in parenting time, I only discovered in recent weeks that Callahan was given special consideration through a court-sanctioned process (though we all thought it odd). Please see the document which was used to **subvert** typical rules on Annapolis commissions. <u>http://www.courts.state.md.us/ethics/pdfs/2013-15.pdf</u>

Keep in mind that your very Judiciary Committee has heard this judge's testimony in the past & he is fluent on such matters -- Civil Rights legend Judge Arthur Burnett <u>Chat With A Lawyer - Judge Arthur Burnett Sr. - Father's Custody Rights/ Shared Parenting</u>

Legal Decision Making and Parenting Time - Shared Parenting Time for Family Equality Act

Senator Muse has submitted a new, improved senate bill SB905 which presents Annapolis - once again with a way to mandate equality for Dads in corrupt, judicially-biased family law courts in Maryland. Recall that last year, I presented the House Judiciary with evidence, as detailed by the Board that adjudicates sitting judges.

Happy to provide additional evidence, testimony, clarification as you need. Sincerely Vince