

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 15/ HOUSE BILL 681

TO: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and House Judiciary Committee

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I support Senate Bill 15/ House Bill 681, which prevents license suspensions for poor obligors.

I have lived in Maryland, specifically Prince George's County, since 2000. I have been a non-custodial parent in the child support enforcement process since approximately 2015. Since then, I have had several experiences with child support determination and subsequent enforcement that do not provide equity or fairness to the non-custodial parent.

Making all the changes needed to achieve parental equity in child support in Maryland is indeed a large and complex task, but one that is not impossible. It reminds me of the old joke, "How do you eat an elephant?" The answer is "one bite at a time." Senate Bill 15/House Bill 681 is one of those bites.

With the strongest urging possible, I say this effort must pass and be enacted by the state legislature. Vehicle transportation is a pillar in the lives of so many parents; to strip it away by suspending the ability to drive back and forth to employment that allows them to comply with court-ordered support without a judicial review of the circumstances is counterproductive to the desired outcome.

Please pass Senate Bill 15/ House Bill 681. I urge a favorable report.