

My name is Christina Reillo. I am a Maryland resident and single mother of 4 children, with joint legal and physical custody.

I am coming to you today humbly asking for your support, as a voice for the socioeconomically disadvantaged, myself included, seeking much needed and long overdue legislative reform.

When my ex-husband violated our court order for over a year, withholding my children during my rightful scheduled parenting time and excluding me from important decisions involving my children's healthcare and education, I had no effective means for enforcing the court's order.

To protect my parental rights, I was forced to take out a home equity loan, and spend nearly two years in family court. Most families do not have this option.

The proposed MD House Bill 481- Family Law- Denial or Interference with Visitation Rights, presents a solution which would reduce incentives for parents to violate court orders and increase accountability by mandating equivalent consequences while simultaneously restoring essential quality time for children with fit, willing and able parents.

Thank you for your time and consideration in support of this bill.

Respectfully,

Christina Reillo