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January 20, 2026

Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Senator Chris West

Maryland General Assembly/ JPR Committee

Annapolis, MD 21401

Delegate Kaufman

RE: Senate Bill 222/ HB 137 - Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications

I am Dr Kelly S. Kennan from Salisbury, MD - a practicing General Dentist in Wicomico County for over 27 years and a mother of twin 16 year old young ladies. I am on the Credentialing team for Blue Cross and Blue Shield Dental of Maryland and I am one of five on our dental team. I am a constituent of Senator Mary Beth Carozza District 38 (Business address) and Senator Johnny Mautz District 37 (Home: 5677 N Nithsdale Salisbury MD 21801). I am a "mandated reporter for abuse of elders/children" per my license & multiple required years of P.A.N.D.A. (Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness) training in the State of Maryland. I am now reporting abuse pertaining to myself & my children for the past 9 years through our judicial system in Maryland.

I strongly support Senate Bill 222 / HB 137 passing swiftly this year for the State of Maryland, & I urge you to place this Bill into action immediately to protect all parties in any custodial court cases - requiring transparency, qualified training, certifications & ethics for the Custodial Evaluators/Reports of any precious child in our state. This is essential to protect those case involving Domestic Violence, Post Separation Abuse and Child Abuse.

My family has been personally and profoundly affected by the Judicial System in Wicomico County, we did not have a proper custody case in 2021. (Custodial Case # 22-C-12-000277) This is a case of "Constructive Destruction" of my parental rights to co-parent, physically, psychologically and spiritually to raise my twin daughters.

Our Maryland court systems utilized "solely" - the custodial opinions of two social workers, who were not trained or certified in Custodial Evaluations/Reports and they were not Court Ordered Custody Evaluators in my case. They were not neutral, unbiased, and not trained in coercive control and manipulation of an abused parent and children.

Plus, my case's ill-trained individuals breached the Ethics Rules for the Board of the State of Maryland for Social Works and the Board of the Psychiatric/Psychology - by a "DUAL ROLE" breach and a " Breach of Duty". (seven (+) roles in our custodial case) They were a "conflict of interest & should have recused themselves". They did not.

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Instead, they took on multiple overlapping roles as :

1. A CPS Evaluator
2. Inexperienced newly enlisted CPS Evaluator
3. Individual Therapist
4. Family Therapists
5. A Court Ordered Child Therapist
6. A nonchalant "Custodial Opinion" as Social Workers.
7. Continued a CPS evaluation after dismissal of a CPS case in 2017 for years (typed certified court transcripts from 2021 can be provided)
8. After court ended in 2021, they still continued these roles

They shared the same professional therapeutic office less than 600 sq feet with the same common space for patients. They both continued with personal CPS evaluations of myself and my children for multiple years: even after the court ordered dismissal of our CPS case in 2018. (Case # C-22-FM-17-1402 from 2017) These personal evaluators were unscrupulous, having no boundaries, lacked objectivity, all without signed medical therapeutic consent for legal therapeutic evaluation (A Breach of Duty- lack of informed consent) and not court ordered. Our court system was used as a tool to further hurt myself and my daughters on a multi-tiered level and abuse through our judicial system where we should have protection. They have been notorious for causing problems with other custodial cases since mine in our area.

Credentialing Team perspective: Unethical conduct of this nature by a dentist in the state of Maryland would put them in disciplinary actions by the Board of Dental Examiners in Maryland, and potential loss of their license and a malpractice liability. Our Credentialing team would be notified by the Board of Dental Examiners, we would be uplifting their insurance participation contracts with these professionals to protect any future dental care provided to our insured patients.

Our judicial system restricted me from presenting issues by these individuals to their Boards or to protect other people using their services in our county/state. Instead, the Judicial system protected these " Unqualified, untrained and not certified Custodial opinions" of my children and myself. These individuals would not recuse themselves based on their financial gain & arrogance. They are unable to view the mental damage and trauma imposed upon the children and their families. This exemplifies another failure to protect our children and our families - SB222/ HB137 is past due & critical to be enforced.

Please understand the personal damage of these faulty decisions by unschooled evaluators. Fortunately, we are alive but traumatized, once again abused and suffering daily after these court mandated results. We live for short lived simple times and peace - our values are of a deeper level. Taking years to regain bonding relationships, nurturing, love and trust with your child. This unnecessary trauma will form my daughters relationships with others in their future, spouses and their own children. Does this trauma need to be repetitious & my children return to our state delegation requesting the same as we are trying to prevent this now?

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These are precious moments lost for any parent and child - homework, laundry, lunches, cupcakes for class, crushes, dances, artwork, carpooling, sports interactions, etc etc etc - including the joys and sorrows stolen from a parent and child that would normally occur as inconsequential everyday events.

The involvement of both parents in a child's life is crucial for their well-rounded upbringing and growth. They need diverse role models, balanced perspectives, nurturing support to allow children to reach their full potential and overall well-being. All of these moments were stolen from my daughters, myself and my family due to an "unqualified unordered custodial opinion with no custodial report presented". My parental time had been robbed & denied for trying to protect my children through our broken judicial system.

In many highly contested custody cases, children are young, already abused, scared of the judicial process, untrusting and their voices are lost in translation by Unqualified Custodial Evaluators. In my case, my daughters were all of the above - plus they wanted to talk to the Judge "face to face" in two court cases - 2018/ age 8 & 2021/ age 11 ½ - and they were denied the opportunity. Is anyone seeing the fallout and uncaring steps in custodial court cases? My children and I are living proof.

Our Judicial system is relying upon the ethical standards of those experts in any courtroom. Without proper training and qualifications, Custody Evaluators cannot truly be trusted to maintain a professional decorum and work in good faith with the system to recuse themselves from cases where they offer no expertise. This Senate Bill is creating safety of parents/children involved in abuse & in any Highly Contested Custody Cases in the State of Maryland. This unending damage is voluminous. It is simple. Be properly trained, credentialed or step down.

We have waited far too long for this bill to become a law.

I am requesting full favorable support of SB Bill 222/ HB137 due to the failure of our Judicial System to create Qualified Training and Boundaries of any and all Custodial Evaluators/ Evaluations.

Honorably and Respectfully -



Kelly S Kennan, DDS

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My mother and I have represented our family for the past three years with Senator Carozza and Delegate Kaufman for those hearings. I submitted a local petition of those locally concerned in our area last year within a two week period. Hundreds of families. Please let this Bill transition into Law in 2026.

In Favor — Sign Below — 2025

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2/18/2025 - Senator Mary Beth Carozza

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