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Testimony for the House Judiciary Committee in support of HB 2014, related to child abduction

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For the record my name is Charisse Laverdiere, I am here today to testify in support of House Bill 2014, and I am very grateful for State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyers leadership on this urgent issue.

Chair Barker, Vice Chairs Garrett and Kreiger, and Members of the Committee, I thank you for giving me this opportunity to come forward and testify regarding the Abduction and Parental Alienation of my two children, Cody Van Cleave and Dakota Vancleave.

I was married to James Vancleave in March of 1995. And we divorced August 2004. And this is where the Non Compliance of Authorities began. I will start with my Attorney David Dorcey. Mr Dorcey did not show for my final hearing, on August 2004. Mr. David Dorcey took over \$10,000.00 from me, he did not file anything of mine, and Mr. Dorcey had me driving back and forth from San Diego to Coos Bay almost every weekend doing all his foot work. The day of our final court date, I went to my Attorneys Office and he informed me he wanted another \$5,000.00 or he would not appear at my hearing. I could not give him the money right away and I told him I would get it for him as soon as I got home, and he said, no. I was begging him, he still would not appear. I went to Coquille Court House with no Representation and I literally from Judge Baron, to my husbands Attorney Matthew Muenchrath, to my husbands Ex Wife that he remarried before we were divorced. I was defenseless. And at that point they took it to me. I had drove all the way from San Diego, California and I had asked for a Continuance and they denied me. Also Attorney Muenchrath and my ex husband had gone in the back with the judge, in which I believe was the judges quarters. I could see them from where I was sitting through the side door. They were all laughing and joking. Then Judge Baron read the decision and they gave my husband custody, gave me 15 minutes on the phone once a week, 2 weeks a year. And all this because my Attorney did not appear. From that point, I telephoned my children right away when I returned home, and we were talking and my last words to my children were, I love you, and be good for Daddy, and at that point my Ex Husband got on the phone and said don't you ever talk to my children like that and hung up. My next call, Debbie Vancleave answered the phone and told me I will never speak to my children ever again and hung up on me. I tried to call over and over no answer. Then I had to come back to Oregon and get my belongings from James and his wife, and I went to their house and no one was home. I had brought Our childrens favorite toys, and some of their clothes, and after being there for 45 minutes I was swormed by North Bend Police because my Ex Husband said I was trying to break into his home which was not true. I was putting my childrens toys on his porch. The North Bend Police understood and told him to give me my things. And at that point in front of the Police he took my childrens things and threw them at me and said my children do not want your crap. North Bend Police did nothing.

From the point of me picking up my things from the divorce, he was supposed to let me see Our children and he refused, and North Bend Police did nothing. And I had no one once again. And had to go home without seeing Cody and Dakota. That was August 2002.

I have made 6 trips to Coos Bay, Oregon, and have been in Coquille Court House to have a clerk tell me there was nothing I can do. I was told to go to the Public Defender and see if they would help me, and I did so, 3 times because it was like a Lottery. One trip I slept outside in my vehicle so I would be the first one to be seen. I got in and they told me there was nothing Oregon could do in their disappearance and that I had to go to California. I went back to California, and 3 times sat in the courts waiting for help, and California stated that I needed to go back to Oregon and try and get case transferred to California, so back to Oregon I went, and they told me absolutely not. All of this has added up to 10 years. I have asked Oregon Courts for the documentation that gave my Ex Husband the permission to leave Oregon, because our final orders state that we could not remove the children from Oregon with out permission of both parents in front of the Judge. I have reported this to the Police in Oregon over 6-7 times and every door shut in my face. And California could not do anything because Coos Bay would not transfer my case.

Now today its been 10 years since I have seen my children, or spoke to them. They were abducted from my ex husband and his wife.

By the Grace of God I was contacted by a girl that, stated she was dating James and Debbie's Son. She stated she was following me for sometime, and that she was sickened by the things she heard about me, and that, Debbie Vancleave has told my Children how she delivered them, how rough the deliveries were and that my babies do not know that Im their Mom and that they think Debbie is their Biological Mother. She also stated that Debbie told her Son Corey if I die do not let them know who their Biological Mother is. This girl told me she could not tell me where they were because she feared for her life.

I found a Blog that my Ex Husband and his wife posted, stating I was a dead beat mother, I have not paid a penny in child support, which is a lie. I have lost my home, I have paid, I have my taxes taken every year and also they have attached my husbands taxes.

I came to Coos Bay again, and still I could not get Police to take a report the courts denied transferring to California. And refused to even talk to me.

One evening, I was editing some Pictures, and my Son was weighing heavy on my heart, and out of know where I put his name into Instagram and he was the first person up. This was the first time I ever saw my Son in 10 years. I was frantic, I was crying, and my first response was to send him a Message. I did and with in hours I was blocked. From that point back to Oregon I went. I spent 2 months in Oregon, and at this time, I fought for my life. Went to courts first requested all our court divorce papers, and as I stood waiting for all documents, I turned around to have my Ex Attorney Mr David Dorcey standing behind me. And that's where I confronted him and he said I don't know you, and I explained and told

him how he took over \$10,000.00 Dollars from me then refused to appear in court. I told him because of you, I have not seen my children for over 10 years, and he said your kidding me. At that time I got my documents and Mr. Dorsey NEVER filed one paper for my divorce. I told him, and he said I don't know you. And I demanded all my documents' from his office. He replied come on over. I called his office a few hours later and one of his secretaries told me that Mr. Dorsey informed her she can't release anything to me until he looks at his records. It took me almost 2 weeks to get them from his office.

Also I found out that they had my children seeing a Therapist, and I went to have those records pulled and the lies that were told to this Therapist were sickening. They gave me everything, and Debbie Vancleave who does not know me, told the most appualling things and lie after lie. Non of this brought into court ever. From there if it were not for my friends in Oregon were I stayed for 2 months, they had a good friend on North Bend Police Department, Officer Curt Bennett, and he finally took a police report. He sent to District Attorney, and it took me 3 months to get any word from the District Attorney, and he stated yes you have a Contempt of Court Case, and that your Attorney can handle that.

I obtained, James Monsbraton , and he did get us in court, we went for Custody, and Contempt of court. My Ex Husband was told to appear in court, and twice he did not show, he telephoned. Also his Attorney. We appeared in front of Judge Baron and Judge Stone. Judge Stone dismissed half of the case, telling me I have to go to North Carolina, to fight to get them back. And he kept the Contempt Portion. Also Judge Stone told my ex husband that he needs to let me speak to my children, and that we need to rebond. Judge Stone gave me 15 minutes on Sundays at 3pm.

I have had every door slammed in my face. Over and over. Because of their negligence, I have not seen my children for 10 years. And now because of this, my children are suffering from Parental Alienation, Custodial Interference, Child Abuse, and have missed their Mother who was an Amazing Mom. Who has faught and faught, who has now become very ill. It has taken so much of me, it has taught my children hate, deceit, loss of trust, and worst of all, my Son told me he hated me. And I call them on Sundays at 3pm, to be put on Speaker Phone, and to have Debbie Van Cleave that I cant say anything about Cody because he stated tell her not to talk my name. Dakota, only answers, Yes, No, Yep, Nope, and you can hear Debbie telling her what to say.

I have also paid Child Support since, I have lost everything, from my children for 10 years, my home, My other Children have missed their Brother and Sister. Oregon let him abduct them, and now I have 15 minutes, while the Abuser dictates what my Daughter responds to. And now I have to fight to get them back, now through Raleigh, North Carolina, and I have no more money. I just paid for another Attorney in Oregon to find out there is nothing he can do to get my babies or any visitation time.

I know if it weren't for my fight everyday for 10 years, not knowing if they were even alive. I've been through Therapy twice, still in Family Therapy, trying to understand, trying to keep my heart and soul alive. Because of this Stress I have been very ill. And now my children find out Debbie Van Cleave is not their Biological Mother. And to hear my Son say he hates me, has been my biggest fear. And now because I can't afford an Attorney in Raleigh, North Carolina, I will never see my children, and I'm back to square one.

I have started Support Groups, for Parental Alienation, because this happens, because our Police don't report, the courts just do not care. And truly the only ones that suffer are the children. Children take the same behavior into their own lives, they are pulled and torn, they are still not found after 10 years, 17 years, and like Aaron, found dead.

I conclude this with a Thank You to Mr. Sean Cruz. I contacted him, and he has gotten me through the tough days and has listened, and today his children that are still missing. And he has the greatest loss of all, Aaron. And even though I haven't lost my babies to death from abduction, but I have lost 10 years of their life and now I can't afford another Attorney so where do I go from here?

Also Senator Alissa Keny-Guyer I Thank You for making this possible.

My Recommendation-

We need to recognize these Parents and Our Children, Our Future. Abduction and Parental Alienation is a Crime. A hate Crime to a Child. And these Alienators need to be prosecuted. Our children carry these behaviors to their adult lives, and the chain never ends. They learn hate, deceit, they start behaviors such as cutting, anger issues, trust issues, suicide, and the Targeted Parent suffers to the point they have no self worth, they spend years searching and searching and some parents take their lives. And like me, every door slammed in my face, Police not taking reports, not following through, courts denying me transfer of case. And now my children hate me.