

To: Senator Kim Thatcher, Bill Sponsor/Asst. Chair Senate Judiciary Committee

Please accept this as my testimony for SB 318 shared parenting

I am a mom and a grandma. I live in Polk county Oregon.

My son has been going through the family court system and has been kept from his daughter by her mom and her misuse of the courts and making false allegations about my son.

My son has two children. His oldest child was physically and emotionally abused by my son's youngest child's mom. She plead guilty to a felony charge of abusing my grandson on November 1st, 2018.

The district attorney gave her a lesser plea because my son's ex in an attempt to not go to prison made false allegations against my son.

The judge has awarded both parties a restraining order. The relationship was toxic.

My son's girlfriend was convicted of abusing my son in 2015 when she hit him and strangled him.

However, my son is not being allowed to see his daughter except four hours a week supervised. He pays 75 dollars an hour. The supervisor said she has nothing negative to report.

The judge told my son's ex that the supervision was only to last two weeks. She agreed that she would then allow him unsupervised and increase the time. She has not and will not. She got a lawyer last week. There has still been a resolution beyond the 4 hours of supervision.

I have seen this woman hit my son, seen bruises on him when she would hit him. Yet she is manipulating the system to gain full control over their 3 year old daughter. She is not afraid of my son. He is the one that is afraid.

I have raised 4 children. I have been a scout leader. Volunteer in the classroom and a volunteer In the community.

Children benefit when they have both parents equally in their life and access to their extended family.

My son's ex is keeping their daughter from him. She is also keeping her from all of our family, grandparents, great grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins. My granddaughter is also being kept from her mom's extended family. This is because my sons' ex is an alcoholic and bi polar and does not want family to witness her abuse to the child.

Please consider that equal shared parenting is in the best interest of children and our community.

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