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Senator Sara Gelser Blouin and the Oregon Human Services Committee,

Society holds a dangerous fantasy that once a victim of domestic violence escapes, she and her children are finally safe. Survivors often walk straight into another system of abuse and face a deadlier battleground of post-separation abuse.

I write anonymously because in my own case there was both domestic violence and child molestation. Because I was the wife, and my child the son of the abuser, our case was forced into family court instead of criminal court. As victims, **we faced discrimination because of our family status** to a perpetrator and known sex addict with a long history of mental illness. Our constitutional rights evaporated. Oversight was nonexistent.

We were sent to people who called themselves “psychologists” and “doctors” but had **no licenses, no education, and were merely charlatans in the back pocket of lawyers** to help them reach a certain case outcome. Attorneys deliberately delayed proceedings, charging hourly, while our judge—“specially assigned”—was known to be lenient toward child rapists and had a reputation of misogyny. This judge was even barred by the Oregon Attorney General from child-welfare cases, yet they were allowed on family court cases with child victims.

I accidentally received an internal email chain between my attorney and the opposing one, where they openly discussed back-room deals and the predetermined outcome of my case.

There was no fair trial, only a setup. The financial toll was enormous. I was told plainly by attorneys that if I stopped paying them, my son would no longer be safe. **We were hostages, forced to pay monthly ransoms.**

Only after being contacted by a nonprofit Anti-Human Trafficking task force, some of which were retired FBI, a district attorney in another state, cyber-intelligence specialists and investigators did I learn the name for what we were trapped in: **Judicial Human Trafficking**. This included “Kids for Cash”-style operations, custody-for-cash rackets, and judges’ private “nonprofits” where money is exchanged between judges, lawyers, and select evaluators. Some women disclosed that they faced demands for sexual favors in judges’ chambers in order to keep their children safe.

Historic corruption cases (e.g., “Kids for Cash”) show that when oversight is absent, courts can become venues for profiteering and racketeering.

When abusers—who often control the money in a relationship—can outspend victims by hiring a “dream team” of attorneys, survivors are denied a fair trial, especially in a system where there is no jury and your **usual constitutional rights, including ADA, are ignored**. In a system that operates “for profit,” justice too often caters to those who can afford to purchase favorable outcomes, while revictimizing those who cannot afford protection or justice.

Due to system gaps and lack of oversight, vulnerable women and children (most of which are already victims of domestic violence and child abuse) are being trafficked under color of law. Several of us were advised that the only way to escape was to leave the state entirely. There is, in fact, an “underground railroad” for children who are victims of sexual assault who are being trafficked to pedophiles through the courts for the right price. Some of these pedophiles are not even related to the child. Survivors who

speakers are smeared with labels like “vengeful ex-spouse” “Crazy” “they are just angry about the case outcome”, or protective parents with no criminal history, violence, or addictions, are jailed without a hearing, right to an attorney, or contact with anyone from the outside. This is to silence the truth.

The statistics are horrifying:

- Approximately **95% of divorces are settled outside of court** ([Graziano Law, 2024](#)). Generally, most non-abusive parents want what’s best for their kids.
- Of the small fraction that make it into family court, **25–50% involve domestic violence** ([California Courts research](#)).
- **Hundreds of children have been killed by a parent or parental-figure amid divorce, separation, custody, or child-support disputes**([Deseret News, 2019](#)). The courts and DHS were warned beforehand on many of these cases, that the child was in danger.
- **A child dies every six days in the U.S. amid custody fights and family court lapses** ([Center for Judicial Excellence, 2023](#)).

It is a **public health crisis** that has cost the lives of safe parents advocating for child safety and children in Oregon and across the nation. The Center for Judicial Excellence maintains an interactive map with the names of murdered Oregon children. The blood on that map is a direct indictment of a broken system often including failure of DHS.

For the safety of children and families in Oregon, I respectfully request the creation of a **statewide Task Force on Family Court Reform**. This task force must include not only legislators and legal professionals, but also representatives from **Child Protective Services (CPS/DHS), survivor advocates, trauma experts, and independent oversight bodies**.

Its mandate should be clear:

- Investigate and expose systemic failures and profit incentives in family courts.
- Require **independent oversight** and transparent credentialing of court-appointed professionals. No more fake doctors or psychologists who run off and hide when you ask for their license number.
- **Implement trauma-informed practices at every stage of family proceedings including screening for crimes such as domestic violence, child abuse, and the risk for post-separation abuse and homicide.**
- Guarantee **protection for protective parents and children**, ensuring they are not punished for seeking safety or disclosing concerns of abuse.

Respectfully,
A Survivor (writing anonymously)