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TO: Senate Committee on Human Services
FROM: Bill Read

Dear Chair Gelser Blouin, Vice Chair Linthicum and Committee Members,

I am a truck driver from Tigard Oregon. The reason for reaching out to you is to ask for your help in a crucial legal problem my family is experiencing. My nephew is currently in a prolonged custody case involving his son. My nephew's son was placed in a facility in Portland for children with behavioral problems. My nephew's son's problems stem solely from a lack of a safe, caring and nurturing home, and this facility has done nothing to help him. This facility is a for profit organization, whose residents are more valued for their ability to generate income, rather than helping at-risk youth.

My nephew has done everything required within the legal system to present his case to the assigned county family court. His rights have been denied three times, with last minute cancellations of trial dates, the last being September 30. He was given no further explanation other than there were no judges available. This is completely unacceptable. Meanwhile, without the benefit of a court hearing the specifics of the child's needs, my nephew's son continues to suffer.

I hope this miscarriage of justice makes you as angry as it does me. Please use your influence to put a spotlight on the proper people to do their jobs. All we ask is my nephew gets his day in court to make the case to help a great little boy.

I have heard that a statewide family court reform task force is under consideration. This would include Child Protective Services and the Department of Human Services in the process. I am asking you to support this effort.

Thank you.

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