July 29, 2007 The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton United States Senate

Dear Senator Clinton:

I am writing this letter to request your help in getting Congressional action seeking National Family Law Reform. I've heard that you are a staunch defender of children and family rights, which is exactly why I'm asking for your assistance. I am a parent, a mother specifically. There are no words grand enough to describe the love I feel for my four children. I believe in equal shared parenting, that children benefit most when they have equal time with and access to the love of both parents. I believe parents have a basic human right, as well as a need, to participate in the lives of their children. We need Federal Rights Legislation to ensure recognition that it is the God given right of parents and children to be together, as well as for protection from well intentioned government interference. As my children and I have been effected as a result of current Family Court policy, I would welcome the opportunity to testify at a Congressional hearing about my Family Court experiences. Please help by recognizing a need for, and then sponsoring legislation to ensure this right.

This Is A Civil Rights Issue. It needs to be addressed. The time is not only now, but is long overdue. It is no less important than the civil rights issues of slavery, segregation or the woman's right to vote. Indeed, shouldn't the principles of our Constitution, enacted to protect our most fundamental liberties be applied equally to protect that bond between parents and children? Ideally, this would mean that the same basic laws which govern criminal courts would apply to the Family Court: the presumption of equal parenting, tangible proof, and protection of a jury. The lives of my children and I have been forever changed having experienced the inequalities, the deprivation of civil liberties, and the alienation of family, due to the current Family Court system. Please help by endorsing a call for a Congressional Hearing and eventually the creation of a Family Rights Act.

In closing I would like to reiterate that we don't need additional laws, what is needed is protection, in the form of Federal Civil Rights Legislation. Please Help!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Katherine E. Neville