

Dear Senator,

Mother's Day, 2018

I hope the attached letters from parents helps call your attention to a need for our nation to recognize & protect Family Rights. My story is included. We've tried to keep them to only one page. We've included pictures to help put a 'face' on parents & children unjustly separated.

You'll also find a one page 'Family Rights Act' that defines our goals. It's hard to believe a crook stealing a 6-pack of beer has more due process protections than a parent and child facing separation/estrangement for life? A patchwork of state/federal laws all with the goal of protecting children has grown beyond belief in the last 50 years.

We mean well, but we don't do well. Our society improves when fundamental human rights are recognized and protected first – and very few items are more fundamental than Family. We'd ask you to do two things:

Let us know how you feel about endorsing at least the first sentence of our Family Rights Act. "That when a child is born, both biological parents have a right to know."

As time permits meet with a small group of our parents. The goal is NOT to put you on the spot, but to only let you hear their experiences and pain.

Best regards!
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Senator,

May 10, 2018

After placing my son for adoption, I had 30 days to change my mind says New York State law. Well I did that because I needed my son and I loved him so much. Well they decided to fight me for custody. The father and I had broken up for about 3 1/2 months he did not know I did this nor did he sign anything. In fact he was weeding, building a nursery for his son, when I called him he thought it was to tell him about the baby.



I had to tell him our baby was born early and what I had done. I am a good mom I raised three children when my husband left, two of my three are in the military. My children were very active in sports, National honor Society, my daughter was salutatorian, and they have never been in trouble.

We deserve the right to raise our, especially when my now husband never signed away his rights. I revoked my consent to this adoption for a reason, my family belongs together. My son has the right to be raised with his family, his

siblings and grandparents.

We have been stuck in the court system for two years while this adoption agency drags this case on. Currently I am the only one who has been in court, They have blocked my husband from being a father.

Melody <moniowns@yahoo.com>

Dear Senator:

I have had prison hanging over my head for years and have been incarcerated once simply because I do not earn enough to pay an inflated court order for child support , and I refuse to give up seeing my children. I have tried and tried to get my support order adjusted to reasonable numbers instead of a number from a 2006 mortgage application establishing my income and my children's mother income set at \$0. I can no longer afford a lawyer after spending most of my savings (about \$10,000) on a lawyer just to get to see my children then having the state seize all the rest of my savings. I am routinely beaten down in court because I have neither the expertise nor money to afford justice. My children go to a private school that charges \$16,000 per student per year, have tablets, computers, and phones, and plenty of unopened lego sets. The only unmet need they have is access to their father. They complain to me that they want to see me more, talk to me on the phone, email me, and it kills me. I want my children to have their dad. I have consistently failed at reasoning with their mother. I've consistently failed in court. I would like to see local courts recognize the fundamental right a parent has to parent their children and treat men and women equally in courts of law.

Sincerely,

Alexander J. Haas



Senator,

The last time my daughter was home was February 4, 2011. Abi was barely 5 when her father abducted her; she will be 13 this year. She hasn't only been ripped from my life; her grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, have been erased from her life as well. Her grandfather died during this time, and her great-grandmother whom she never had the chance to meet, just turned 91. There is a hole in our life, because a member of our family has been stolen. There has been an empty chair at every Christmas and Thanksgiving dinner for seven years. Our family may continue to grow, but that chair is always left empty in the hopes that one day Abi will come home. She continues to get birthday cards every year, and we still hang her stocking at Christmas.



Her memory of us will soon fade, if it hasn't already.

Scandalous counselors, and dishonorable doctors secretly conspire with unethical lawyers, who campaign to sell our children to the highest bidder by way of the juvenile and family justice system; the path toward legal abduction is provided by unethical judges, who are no more than accessories to kidnapping, ruling in favor of those with influence. No concern is given for the broken families left stranded on the side of the road they paved with power and

gold. I should know—each of them played a pivotal role in alienating me and my child. Without a care they took her love, and taught her fear—eventually turning it into terror. They are abusing our children and hiding behind the guise of the “child’s best interest”—and the politicians who can create change are turning a blind eye.

Raina Fisher – rainafisher@hotmail.com

Dear Senator:
2018

May 10,

Being a parent was everything I had dreamed of. I never would've believed I was considered so "expendable" in my son's life. Before the divorce, we were both working part time, both equal parents -- but on the very first pretrial motion, *I was expendable!* Even though I stayed in the house, in a nice neighborhood, and my spouse moved into an apartment

I've been so thankful that Domenic and I have kept a strong relationship in spite of it all. I struggled at a "child support" level set at over twice my actual income and officials who simply refused to hear a "modification" after my son was relocated. It cost me almost a \$1000 to travel out west to see him for a weekend -- none of that counted. I lost my license, couldn't drive!

We were lucky! My former spouse finally agreed to a settlement when Dom was a senior in high school. We got rid of all the court support orders and arrears that had reached over \$125,000!!! I could work & drive again and really help him with college and other expenses.

Changing the system – I'm a former USAF Pilot, do charitable work, and am trying to start a grass-roots NonViolent Action movement based on faith & peaceful action as used by Gandhi & Martin Luther King. Started a web site, www.AKidsRight.Org, to help Moms & Dads work to have our Nation recognize and protect Family Rights. "Declaration of Family Rights" on next page.

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Declaration of Family Rights

*That when a child is born, both biological parents have a **right** to know. A child has a **right** to both parents in their lives. Fit parents decide what is in the 'best interests' of their children. Good, average, & poor parents are Fit & Equal parents.*

*That you and your spouse have a **right** to be presumed Fit & Equal parents (equal in terms of both physical and legal custody).*

If anyone (a spouse, relative, social services) wishes to challenge these rights, you have:

- 1) The right to counsel.
- 2) The right to be presumed a fit parent, innocent, and deserving of an equal relationship with your kids.
- 3) The right to protection of a criminal jury. The "state" needs to prove you were a demonstrated serious and intentional threat to your child's safety and that you acted with mal-intent towards your children.

Dear Senator,

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Children of divorce in America are routinely deprived of their father. I address many of the shortcomings in our legal system in my poem below. Please read it and keep our kids in mind when considering legislation about custody issues.

Thank you!

Don Mathis

Don Mathis,



Children That Belong to Other Men – by Don Mathis

There are too many men
raising up children
that belong to other men.

Adoption is one thing,
a court ruling is another.
It takes a child away
from his birth father.

Sometimes the daddy
of the mommy
will have the little baby
more often than the daddy.

Wednesdays and weekends
are not enough to see him,
not enough to know him,
not enough to show him
the meaning of his kin.

Or the child's step-father
will have the step-daughter
more often than he ought to.

While the natural-born Dad
grows bitter and mad
that the little girl he had
is living with that man.

And then, there's the 'other.'
You know, Mom's new lover.
How I envy his time
with that child of mine.

I want all you guys
to tell your wives
and the women in your lives
what may be a surprise:

There are too many men
raising up children
that belong to other men.

Give the kids a break.
Don't hesitate.
Give some time to Daddy
before it's too late.

A child without a father
is like an otter without water.

To reach their full potential
and self-actualize,
kids need their daddy
and not some nearby guys.

The growth that comes
between a father and a son
is a two-way street;
It makes a life complete.

No one can love a daughter
like a birth father.
It can do no harm |
to promote that bond.

There are too many men
raising up children
that belong to other men.

As a general rule
kids are at school
more often than
they're in Dad's hands.

Television by the hour
have the children in its power.
Or a drug is the drug of choice
rather than a father's voice.

The streets will soon become
full of teen-aged boys with guns.
And teen-aged girls with babies
will wonder who are their kid's daddies.

It takes more than
courage to raise good men.

How's a girl supposed to know
if a boy is good enough
to be a father to her child
unless she had one while
she was growing up.

A good dad has values
that a boy can choose.
A bad role model
is difficult to follow.
A boy may holler,
"I don't want to be like you!"

Either way,
they can have their say.
But what kind of influence
lies in father-absence?

When father-figures and nearby guys
are all they've known all their lives,
is the consistency constantly there?
Do the kids know who really cares?

A Daddy does!
Not a seed supplier.
A Daddy does!
Not a pay provider.

There are too many men
raising up children
that belong to other men.

A boy may see his teacher,
a scout leader, or a preacher,
more often than he can see
his father's family.

This is not right!
This is unjust!
Maybe okay for some
but not the rest of us.

I want all boyfriends
to tell all girlfriends,
and all second husbands
to tell all women:

There are too many men
raising up children
that belong to other men.

Some women cause such alienation
that America is becoming
a father-less nation.

These women will deny
that there are fathers that cry
for their children and they, for him.

These women may wish
they need a man like a fish
needs a bicycle.

They don't realize
the men they criticize
to their children, are essential.

They see nothing bad
for a child without a dad.
If Mom's boyfriend at the time
is child-friendly, well, that's fine.

But they have yet to discover
what the future will uncover:

There are too many men
raising up children
that belong to other men.