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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to share my story in support of a shared parenting bill. Since March 2023, my life has been turned upside down by false accusations of abuse and manipulation, resulting in alienation from my children. Despite being cleared of all charges in multiple investigations, I have been denied the ability to care for and be with my children for the majority of time, with only limited contact. As a result, the children are almost completely removed from my whole side of the family including grandpa, grandma, uncles, aunts and cousins. This has taken a significant toll on them. Below is a summary of my experience.

In March 2023, my ex-wife left with our children, and I was hit with a protective order (PPO) accusing me of abuse, controlling behavior, and even rape. These allegations were baseless and untrue, but they led to me being blocked from contacting my children. I was unable to see them, and as I was not allowed to to contact them. Despite this, Child Protective Services (CPS) investigated and found no evidence of abuse, closing the case against me.

Unfortunately, my ex-wife moved our children to Michigan without my consent, where the legal proceedings continued. The Michigan court dropped the PPO after hearing the truth, and the judge even apologized for issuing it. However, this victory was short-lived, as my ex-wife continued to alienate me from my children, telling them that I needed help and further distorting the truth.

When I finally had contact with my kids, they were understandably confused and scared, having been told lies about me. This has had a lasting impact on their mental health, particularly my daughter, who suffers from anxiety

exacerbated by the ongoing alienation. Despite this, I continue to fight for my children's well-being, believing that they need both parents equally involved in their lives.

Throughout the court process, my ex-wife's false claims have been challenged by CPS, a psychological evaluator, and a Parent Investigator (PI), Michigan judge, all of whom found no evidence to support her accusations. The private investigator (PI) conducted a thorough investigation and became concerned about my ex's new lifestyle, particularly the men she was bringing into the house and the potential effects on my children. Unfortunately, the situation has unfolded as the PI predicted, with my ex now involved with a boyfriend who has domestic violence charges. Despite all the evidence pointing to the need for my children to be with me, the judge ruled against the recommendations, ignoring the facts in favor of hearsay from my ex-wife.

The impact on my children has been profound. My middle son is emotionally torn, caught between the lies told about me and the love he feels for his family. My daughter suffers from anxiety, which is worsened by the instability in her home life. The emotional and psychological toll this has taken on them is heartbreaking.

I believe that shared parenting is essential for the mental and emotional well-being of children. They need both parents actively involved, not just one who manipulates their perception of the other. I am committed to being the father my children deserve, and I ask you to support legislation that ensures both parents are given the opportunity to raise their children together, with equal responsibility and access.

Sincerely,

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