

Dear Chairman Prozanski, vice-chairman, and whomever it may concern,

My name is Steven Greene from Coos Bay. I am a disabled Iraq war veteran and served as a Navy Seabee from 1998-2003.

I married Nicole in December 2000. We did not have our son Walker until 2005 because I wanted to wait until the end of my military service so I could be a full time father.

In 2012 we divorced due to her infidelity dating back to my Navy days and her inability to make my son a priority. Nicole was granted full custody by default as I was not notified of the custody hearing. Therefore I was only given the current law of every other weekend and ever other holiday. At that point it was the hardest time in my life as well for the rest of my family.

In February 2016 Nicole was hospitalized and I had Walker full time until beginning of November 2016. During Thanksgiving break Nicole moved my son 2,700 miles away to her parents house in Georgia without prior notice to me nor the courts. She has severed all contact by blocking my number while removing him from his school, friends, sports, and large extended family.

I've coached youth baseball from ages 4-13 for over 8 years and I've seen children on both sides of the spectrum. I've continued coaching thru last year even without my son I continuly see parents who work together for the sake of the child outside of the current parenting time law's and they excel in sports and school with the support of both parents despite divorce.

A child living thru a divorce or separation of their parents is a traumatizing event but SB318 will give them the comfort to know that they will always have equal quality time with both parents.

I am supporting SB318 and hope you will also for the sake of the 150+ children I have coached and my son as well as children all over Oregon because I believe each parent plays a Very important role in a child's life and development.

Thank you for for your time.

Sincerely,

Steven D Greene