

30 April 2019

To: House Committee on Judiciary

Re: Senate Bill 318A - Relating to parenting time in family law proceedings.

Dear Chair Representative Willilamson, Vice-Chairs Representatives Gorsek and Sprenger, and members Representatives Barker, Bynum, Greenlick, Lewis, McLance, Piluso, Power and Stark.

As one that has suffered through a dissolution of marriage with young children involved and having been awarded *visiting rights* "at reasonable times" I strongly urge the Committee to approve this important legislation that will allow loving parents, in my case a father, to be able to actively participate in raising their children.

In the first place, being allowed to *visit* one's own children is humiliating and a far cry from the duties of parenting. By being a *visitor* one is effectively removed from one's children's lives and is the beginning of a slow slide towards irrelevancy in their children's lives.

In the second place and perhaps most egregiously, *reasonable times and places* eventually turned into being at my ex-spouses convenience, with such "visits" becoming fewer and farther between as time went on.

Again, I strongly urge the Committee to support this important legislation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Wisner
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