

Senator Kim Thatcher February 3, 2025

RE: SB 385

I am writing to you on behalf of all children who are put into this situation by an unscrupulous parent who uses false child abuse accusations for the purpose of gaining full custody of a child.

Making a false child abuse accusation against a parent for the purpose of gaining full custody of a child is without doubt an extremely serious, egregious criminal act. The accusation in itself is utmost child abuse and an assault on both child and parent.

This is a “felony act” and should be treated as such.

A parent who would do this to their child thinks only of themselves and does not really love their child. This parent seeks only self-gratification. They are very selfish, despicable, evil and horrendous. They will do and say anything to get what they want.

Depriving a child of spending time with their parent is an extremely cruel thing to do to a child. Children love their parents. A divorce is so hard on children. Then adding total separation from a parent, it becomes even more traumatic.

Ripping a child away from their parent and family causes the child immense emotional damage, heartbreak, trauma and suffering.

Try to even imagine the suffering a child feels from being torn away from all his childhood life and never again seeing their

loving parent, grandparents, great grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors, the pets they love so dearly, their room, photos, toys, Christmas, holidays, birthdays, weekends, etc. This causes unimaginable suffering for a child to have to live with for years and years.

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I'm sure they think of their loving family, friends and pets and have endless longing to get to see them all again. They are too young to know how to be able to do this on their own. Maybe too late for some.

Let me say how this has affected us. We are both in our 80's. Our Great Grandson has always loved us so very much and he spent lots of time with us. He loved being at our house.

The last thing he said was he wanted to see his daddy. I always told him how much I loved him and said, "You are my heart". He always smiled and gave me a big hug and kiss. He was 11 years old. I know how brokenhearted he is because so am I. I go to bed thinking of him, wake up in the middle of the night thinking of him and think of him all day. In every prayer I say, I pray that he is doing OK and that my prayers will be answered. I know he wants to come home.

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