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To: Representative Rick Lewis, Oregon District 18 (via online system)

From:

Paul Michael Marinello

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CPTSD Foundation

Re: Support for Oregon House Bill 3095

Dear Representative Lewis,

I am writing in strong support of Oregon House Bill 3095, which directs the court to presume, unless rebutted, that equal parenting time is in the best interests of the child. This bill reflects a well-established principle supported by mental health professionals across various disciplines.

Custody litigation is often time-consuming, prohibitively expensive, and emotionally exhausting for all parties involved. In many cases, court decisions leave both parents feeling that justice was not adequately served. Establishing a presumption of equal parenting time as a starting point provides a fairer and more child-centered approach, ensuring that both parents maintain a meaningful presence in their child's life unless compelling evidence suggests otherwise.

On a personal level, I have experienced firsthand the devastating effects of protracted custody litigation. After an arduous and costly legal battle to gain custody of my only daughter—who is now twenty-one years old—our relationship has been irreparably damaged due to years of parental alienation and psychological abuse inflicted by her mother. Sadly, my story is not unique. Through the Parental Alienation Support Systems program, a service of the global nonprofit CPTSD Foundation, I work with countless alienated families who would have significantly benefitted from similar legislation in their own states.

I urge you to support House Bill 3095 and advocate for its passage to help protect children and families from unnecessary legal battles and the lifelong consequences of parental alienation. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information. I can be reached at passprogram@cptsdfoundation.org.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Athena Petersen, Executive Director



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