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Subject: Please distribute to your committee members

As a former high income child support payor, I would like to share my experience. I was married to another physician and had one daughter. My wife was from the Chicago area and never wanted to move out of Illinois. My wife falsely accused me of molesting our then 4 year old daughter in 1993. Racine County Family Court was more than happy to "err on the side of the safety of the child" and ordered supervised visitation. I fought like an animal to be a father to my only child and my mother also had to hire her own atty and be supervised. As a result of having 4 hours per month of supervised contact with my only child, I was forced to pay \$5,123 per month to a physician mother for one child. This money was used to pay experts to testify in court for the purpose of removing me from my child's life. The Judge, Richard Kreul knew that she was spending my child support money to remove me from my daughter's life, yet did nothing. This totaled over \$800K, over the course of 14 years. My mother and I were finally allowed unsupervised visitation when my daughter failed to thrive at the age of 12. Only then was I allowed to be a real life in the flesh father. All of this of course was "sealed" in the best interest of the child, and the same judge (who kept the case for 8 years) allowed his "mistake" to move back to Illinois, thereby rewarding mommy dearest and giving her everything she wanted. The child, move back home and the money. Meantime, who had to pay for my daughter's college and law school education? Dad. I told my daughter to ask her mother for the money, but she claims it's all gone.

Bottomline: your current high income child support guidelines provide STRONG FINANCIAL INCENTIVES for parents to fight over the child(ren). Imagine if I had had three or more kids? I wouldv'e been chased out of their lives and become another "BEAT DEAD DAD".

Meantiime, the "best expert in the world and the man who wrote the book on true and false allegations of child sex abuse", Dr. Richard Gardner came to Racine and opined that I should have sole custody and mommy dearest should be supervised. Judge Richard Kreul ruled him 'NOT CREDIBLE.



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For Attention to the Child Support Study

Representative Brooks:

I previously e-mailed you, as well as other Child Support Study Committee members, on Monday August 27, 2018, in regards to who I am and my situation. I also attended the initial Child Support Study Committee meeting in Madison on Tuesday August 28, 2018. At that time, I had the privilege of speaking directly to Senator Taylor during the late morning break. I was contacted on September 6, 2018 and asked to write a letter in regards to my concerns with the current Child Support Statutes and to detail specifically what parts of the Statutes I feel need review and potentially changed.

I would like to see reviews and changes of the following:

1. Wisconsin Statute 767.511 (7), an order of joint legal custody under §767.41 does not affect the amount of child support ordered.
2. Guidelines for unmarried parties be added to Wisconsin Statute 767.511 stating, "If the parties were never married, child support and/or maintenance does not exist".

I strongly urge that you consider these changes based on the reasons below:

- A. Joint legal custody, as most call it 50/50, is just that, a split of everything evenly. Education, medical expenses, insurance, daycare, clothes (and so much more) divided evenly, and each parent pays an equal amount. How can everything be an even split when one parent is ordered to pay the other Child Support? Not only does the parent have to pay 50% of everything, they also have to pay the additional support. Child Support should not exist in joint legal custody.
- B. Jobs and careers are each individual person's choice. That goes for education as well. Wisconsin has many jobs available and Southwest Tech offers great financial aid assistance as well as the opportunity for several various grants and scholarships. As far as I know, the military is always looking as well! If someone is going to receive child support to make their life equal to that of the other parent, why would anyone have motivation or drive to achieve anything better for themselves, when it is being given to them freely?
- C. The concept that children of separated parents should have equal living environments with each parent is creating a false idealism for our children. Nothing in life is equal nor fair. This image teaches our children that it does not matter what job you have or how hard you work, you will have the same amenities as everyone else. It shows our children that it is okay to do as little as possible and have equal compensation.

I chose to join the Army because I wanted to be a well-respected diesel mechanic. I dedicated six years of my life in the Army where I spent time perfecting my craft, as well as serving my country in three deployments. When I got out, I started my own business and have three employees. Being a mechanic is a very demanding and physical job and comes with long hours. The mother of my children has chosen a job in which she works from home. She makes roughly \$12.00 per hour. She has no travel expense or daycare expenses and has the ability to do as she pleases while she sits in front of her computer waiting for cases to come in. This includes watching movies as she did while we were together.

- D. I did not start a business to become rich or make more money than the mother of my children. I did it to provide a service to Southwest Wisconsin, as well as to build a future for my children, as I am sure most small business owners have. As my children get older, the cost of living increases and the cost to raise them goes up. I have to reinvest money into my business to maintain and grow it. In doing so, it allows me to continue to provide a living for my family and plan for their future. Paying child support each month restricts me from investing in my business, which in turns hurts not only my employees and the consumers who use my services, but my children as well.

I am trying to teach my children a good work ethic and that if you put time and effort in, rewards will follow. However, all they are learning is that hard work leads to consequences and payments. I request that you please analyze these areas, but also Child Support laws as a whole. Please assist me in teaching my children how to be productive, self-sufficient members of society, and that all good things come from hard work and perseverance.

Thank you for your consideration,



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