

Honorable Children And Family Committee Members,

My name is Stacie Roulston and I reside in Wichita, KS, Sedgwick County.

Today I am writing to request your support for the Protective Parent Reform Bill 2137

I am a mother of a child that was abused and after I reported it for the second time, he was taken from my custody and placed in foster care. There were no reasonable efforts to investigate the allegations or maintain keeping him in my home. There were NO efforts to protect my child from the person he said was hurting him. My son was taken from school by a social worker and police officer, repeatedly interrogated for days and insinuated that he was a liar by these two individuals. My son was missing for 11 days without a hearing. My little 58 lb boy only wanted to be protected from his abuser.

After a year in foster care, sole custody was given to his abusive father and I was ordered on supervised visits.

There is no excuse for the State not protecting children and parents should have the right to protect their own child from any abuser. As a victim of abuse, my son was entitled to be protected by State and Federal laws. His voice has been silenced by the system. My child is failing to thrive, he rips his hair out from the continued abuse and no one is listening to his silent cries. There have been several complaints over the years to SRS of abuse by his father and stepmother since my son was placed in their home and those continue to go ignored. *This reminds me of the Adam Herrman case where he was abused and the system chose to ignore it and kept him in the home of Doug and Valerie Herrman... only to end up where?*

The system has shut down my right as a parent to protect my child as I was ordered by the Judge to have supervised visits where I have to pay cash \$50 every week to an off duty officer for 1 1/2 hours time with my child. This has gone on for over 5 years.

There is something very wrong happening in Kansas to children like my son. His case isn't unique but he is very special to me. My child is very loved, adored, missed by myself, his brother, his maternal grandmother and other family members. We will never forget what happened to him. **Nor will he.**

Please support the Protective Parent Reform Act to **Protect Kansas children...**  
Children should never be taken from a parent that is only trying to protect their child.

Thank you for your time,  
Stacie Roulston

***Because AJSV Matters! 05JC496 He is much more than an initial or case number.***

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