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Subject: Urgent Request for Legislative Action on Judicial Corruption in Child Welfare System

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Child Welfare,

I write to you today with a heavy heart and an urgent plea for immediate legislative intervention regarding corruption within the child welfare system and family court. The unchecked judicial misconduct that is tearing families apart must be met with swift and severe penalties if we are to protect the integrity of our legal system and the welfare of our children.

Since 2022, I have been engaged in a legal battle marred by blatant judicial malfeasance, documented in a more than 200-page lawsuit that I am prepared to provide. My child remains unlawfully detained in Missouri due to the actions of judges who have refused to uphold state and federal laws, including the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA). Judge Kathleen Lynch of Wyandotte County, Kansas, has openly refused to follow the very state laws enacted by this legislature, as well as federal laws, to return my child home. Instead, she has aligned herself with corrupt Missouri judges who continue to disregard jurisdictional mandates, effectively holding my child hostage in the home of a violent predator and in the vicinity of a registered sex offender.

Kansas state statute 23-37,107 explicitly states that jurisdiction is a priority. Under UCCJEA 107, "If a question of existence or exercise of jurisdiction under this act is raised in a child-custody proceeding, the question, upon request of a party, must be given priority on the calendar and handled expeditiously." Judge Lynch has completely ignored this statutory requirement. I have not seen my child since November 29, 2022, and Judge Lynch continues to delay proceedings, repeatedly pushing back court dates in an effort to pressure me into acquiescing to Missouri's jurisdiction—just as she has. However, I refuse to participate in their corruption or allow Judge Lynch to further tarnish the integrity of Wyandotte County. She is unequivocally in violation of both state and federal law.

Furthermore, Kansas state statute 23-37,201 and UCCJEA 201 state that an initial child-custody determination and jurisdiction is determined by:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 23-37,204, and amendments thereto, a court of this state has jurisdiction to make an initial child-custody determination only if:

(1) This state is the home state of the child on the date of the commencement of the proceeding, or was the home state of the child within six months before the commencement of the proceeding and the child is absent from this state but a parent or person acting as a parent continues to live in this state;

(2) A court of another state does not have jurisdiction under paragraph (1).

In this instance, the child custody case was filed in March 2020. My daughter's father even acknowledged in court documents that we reside in Kansas. Missouri courts mailed documents to

me in Kansas. Missouri courts sent a process server to Kansas to serve me. There is video evidence of this, which has been shared via email with some of you, showing that service was not effectuated. However, the process server and an attorney falsely filed an affidavit in court stating that it had been. I am willing to make this video available to you as well.

My child and I have been residents of Kansas since 2019. This is not a claim but a demonstrable fact backed by our voting records, school attendance, business registrations, tax filings, property ownership, vehicle registration, and community service. Some members of this very legislature have visited my home, worked alongside me on campaigns, and witnessed my commitment to the state of Kansas firsthand. Yet, despite these clear and irrefutable ties to Kansas, Missouri courts have illegally assumed jurisdiction over my child in direct violation of the UCCJEA.

The reality is that when a judge usurps jurisdiction, their orders are not only void but also constitute grounds for impeachment. Kansas Constitution, Article 2, Section 28 states that "Judges of the district courts may be removed from office by impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." Additionally, federal law under Title 18 U.S.C. § 242 states that any judge who deprives a person of their constitutional rights under color of law is committing a crime and can face legal consequences, including removal from office.

Senator Haley introduced a bill to the committee that would allow for charges against anyone who commits a crime under the color of law. It's already a state and federal crime that should be used to save Kansas families.

The most depraved among us have bought their way into power, and into the control of criminal prosecution against incest, adolescent rape, and child exploitation.

Therefore, I am requesting the following immediate actions:

1. **Legislative Oversight and Enforcement:** A direct intervention from the Kansas Legislature demanding that Judge Kathleen Lynch adhere to the laws of Kansas and federal mandates, thereby ordering the immediate return of my child to Kansas.
2. **Judicial and Legal Accountability:** A full investigation by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) into Judge Kathleen Lynch and Judges Sutherland and McEntee in Johnson County to uncover the depth of corruption and misconduct.
3. **Transparency in Family Court:** Legislative reforms to remove the secrecy surrounding family court proceedings, which currently allows judges to violate laws without public scrutiny.
4. **Review of Federal Funding in Family Court:** A thorough audit of the federal funds received by family courts, particularly in Missouri, where Clay County has "lost" over 1,000 children in the system while benefiting from over \$25 million in federal reimbursements.
5. **Support from Governor Kelly and the Legislature:** Today, I need help from Governor Kelly to stop the retaliation from the judges in Missouri, and I would appreciate the full support of this legislature. I also urge Johnson County House and Senate members to

contact Judge Sutherland's office to put an end to his retaliatory actions. Once you have upset one judge, it seems you have upset them all.

Additionally, I want Judge Lynch held accountable by this legislature. I do not want her near me or my child. Kansas state law allows Chief Judge Burns to take over the case, and that is what I prefer. There must be stronger checks and balances, including transparency in these court proceedings. Most importantly, these judges must understand that if they usurp jurisdiction or refuse to protect Kansas families by allowing other states to do so, they should be prepared to move to those states—because they will be impeached from Kansas.

I have already taken this fight to the media, the Missouri FBI, and other officials to initiate investigations in Missouri. However, my continued efforts to expose this corruption have resulted in retaliation, including threats to my safety and well-being. Recently, I was hospitalized, and even in my vulnerable state, I faced further injustices. The repercussions for speaking out against judicial corruption have cost me over \$200,000, my health, and nearly my sanity. But above all, they have cost me precious time with my child—time that I can never get back.

I call upon this legislature to take decisive action. A single phone call from any one of you, instructing Judge Lynch to follow her oath of office and the laws of Kansas, could reunite me with my child today. This is not just a personal plea but a call for systemic change to prevent other families from suffering similar injustices.

I am prepared to meet with any members who require further details and to provide copies of my lawsuit as evidence. The laws you have passed must be upheld, and those who violate them must face the consequences.

Respectfully,


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