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To Whom It May Concern:

I had three grandchildren in foster care. Although I was told by SRS caseworker Brenda Fatzer that if I would bring the three children to the courtroom, that the children would be placed with me, the grandmother, in one home together instead of foster care. When I took the children to the courtroom, SRS and KVC placed the children in three SEPARATE homes: two in separate foster homes and one with a father that was on probation for domestic violence. Family placement was even ordered by the judge but was not done by SRS and KVC.

It took me a week to get the two children from the separate foster homes. One child was overdosed in foster care and he stopped breathing in my car when I received the child from foster care. I took him directly to Children's Mercy and they stated I had saved his life. Two of the children were placed with me and one was in a separate home.

16 months later, even though every KVC report was very positive regarding my care of the two boys, the boys were removed from my home due to perjury and falsification of documents by the KVC caseworker (I have evidence of this.).

One child was adopted out to a foster home that had been accused of child abuse less than a month of receiving my two grandsons. The other grandson was given to a father who it was proven in court had mental deficiencies and could not take care of the child without assistance and was bi-polar and had made a deal with KVC if he provided evidence against the mother, KVC would give him the child. This father also had been CONVICTED of two domestic violences, a Criminal Damage to Property and violating a Protection from Abuse Order during the CINC case. The third child was given custody to a father who was on probation for domestic violence.

I was denied adoption but no reason was given why I could not adopt the children even though I had asked several times why.

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