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Subject: SB 204

Dear Senators,

I have been advocating for parents abused by the DCF and foster parents for almost 2 years now. I receive emails, calls and messages on a daily base regarding issues with children and families being separated, some without cause, because decisions made by some employees as well as foster parents.

Some how the foster parents have lost their primary function or "job description" in that too many times, isolation from the biological parents are negated do to the overriding authority and input that exceeds that of the biological Mother, Father and families to whom these children belong. I have seen and investigated cases where parents rights are being taken predicated on a case workers personal agenda or opinion.

We currently allow the foster parents to control visitation and even phone calls.

Foster parents are not and never should be the deciding factor of when visitation or communication is granted to the biological parents or their families.

Today, the foster parents are making these decisions based on what they are comfortable with and this is not acceptable.

They should have no input as to when or how the parents of these children have contact with their parents, grandparents or siblings.

They are signing up to aide the children until the goal of uniting these families has been obtained.

Not a dictator who makes decisions they are not qualified to make.

I have seen up close how many families have been destroyed by "court investigators" and "case workers" and the "judges" that simply follow the recommendation of these people with absolutely no investigation of their own.

I ask you to pass this bill for the families but most of all to protect the children from cruel and unusual punishment that can impact the rest of their lives especially when the rate of false allegations seems to be more common than not.

After all, they are the ones being punished with decisions that could have been handled in a way that the trauma they have endured didn't have to happen.

The goal is to protect children and support parents and keep families together.

Not tear them apart.

Thank you,

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