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Topeka, KS 66612

## **Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:**

I support SB 257 and ask for your support also.

Children of divorce will benefit from shared parenting by having the maximum amount of time with each parent. Instead of presuming one parent to be a every other weekend parent, it encourages and allows parents to be an equal participant in raising their child. 50/50 should be the starting point.

Personally witnessing what can happen to a family under the current rules, my children would have benefited from two parents with equal time. After I was relegated to the "every other weekend" parent of my children, it took 7 years and close to \$100,000 in attorney and court related costs to reach 50/50 shared with my children. I am a health care professional and have been for 25 years. I have never been arrested or charged with any crime. Yet I was denied equal access to my children as a result of presuming 80/20 parenting time. Under the current process, a parent can benefit financially by denying access to the other parent and can promote a culture of alienating one parent for financial gain.

In conclusion, I would highly recommend that you pass SB 257 to help protect the rights of children in Kansas.

Respectfully,

**Eric Bosley**