

July 31, 2007

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senate
476 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

SCHEDULING/HELP REQUEST

Dear Senator Clinton (and other local members of Congress: Sen. Schumer and Representative Walsh):

I'm coordinator for a growing group of loving mothers and fathers who were unjustly separated from their children through divorce, separation, or the action of child protective services. Our group's name is AKidsRight.Org (<http://www.AKidsRight.Org>). We are asking for Congressional hearings into national reform and also the passage of a Family Rights Act. We need your help.

We understand the legal "traditions" that have resulted in States having jurisdiction over family law, but hope that hearings will show the necessity of giving the parent/child bond the Constitutional recognition & protection it truly deserves.

How can any legal proceeding "make sense" when it fails to recognize basic human rights? What would we say today to past court actions that prosecuted:

- an escaped slave trying to gain their freedom?
- a woman for attempting to cast a vote?
- a black for sitting in the front of the bus?

Our immediate goal is a local meeting between you and a small group of mothers and fathers associated with our group. We have a proposed agenda at our web site:

http://www.AKidsRight.Org/actionc_syr/agenda.htm. We hope that after you hear our stories and also from other groups you will endorse a call for Congressional Hearings and eventually the creation of a Family Rights Act.

An Act to recognize and protect the Civil Right of our children to have BOTH parents (whether they be good, average, or poor parents) equally involved in their lives AND the right of parents to raise and nurture their own children. That will require parents be found guilty in a criminal

court, with jury protection, of being a demonstrated serious threat to their children before government can interfere in family life.

We need your leadership in bringing moms and dads together on what can be a contentious issue. In 21st Century America many believe all our Civil Rights have been recognized. But what about the security of family, the right of parents to raise and nurture their own children? This idea is beginning to resonate with more & more people.

http://www.AKidsRight.Org/civil_rights_essay.htm

In the past several years many of our members have written or called your offices regarding reform. Some of us have even visited your Washington offices. I hope someone will contact me soon so we can further discuss the agenda for a meeting. It would be great to announce a date for a local meeting between you and parents.

Sincerely yours,

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