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Docket No. F-00446-09/09A File No. 10762

Dear Judge Stephen R. Sirkin,

I've waited since May for a decision on [Objections filed](#) about dismissal of [my Support petition](#) by Magistrate Deborah Farber. [I wrote on Sep 3rd](#) and recently called the Clerk to check on status. I've had no response to my request for temporary relief. *PLEASE understand I have no ill will toward you or anyone in the Family Court System. You are certainly not bad people. Given the tremendous powers and little oversight, I can't honestly say I'd be handling this any different if our situations were reversed.* I also know you care about children and families; however, I must be honest in expressing indignation in how the System has treated my family.

Friends & family ask, "John, how the heck do they expect you to make any money if you can't drive – especially in a rural area like this?" But for some in the System, this isn't about helping, it's just about inflicting punishment on a \$100,000 deadbeat (*even though [I spent more money supporting my son than the guidelines require](#)*). We can leave this parent in a hopeless situation and not worry about healing – after all, he deserves it!

A close Uncle died in Italy a few weeks ago – even though money is tight, still can't see his family – **no passport**. I'm a former pilot, 'Cum Laude' grad of the Air Force Academy. Last week a classmate of mine had a PT accident at Fort Drum and required surgery (he is a Lt. Col. supporting Army operations). I was best man at his wedding. He just moved here from Mississippi and his wife was due to move up in January – the accident caused a change in plans. She had to fly up this weekend – and I can't do anything to help – **no license**.

Primarily, there is so much I want to do for my son – but can't. We are blessed to have a strong relationship, he is now 16 and a junior. In a short time the interference in our lives will be over. He could certainly tell you the value of the support I gave him as a loving parent.

I've sought reconciliation and at least a polite relationship with my former spouse – but the System makes her think [I owe her a check for \\$100,000](#). Money can be terribly divisive thing. The funny thing is, if the System had just relaxed the choke-hold it had on me and real justice was done – she could have probably had that and more.

I hope a just settlement can finally be reached. The System is fundamentally flawed by not recognizing basic Family Rights. We have decisions and case law – but in the future they will be about as meaningful as the volumes written regarding slavery & segregation in the South. How can Justice occur when it fails to recognize the Human Right of parents to be presumed FIT & EQUAL in the lives of their own children?

Sincerely yours,

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