

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
FOR HEARING 3/24/09
ROOM 325

CHAIR: REP KAAMATSU
COMMITTEE: JUDICIARY

IN SUPPORT OF SB 851, 3/24/09 2PM ROOM 325

TESTIMONY FROM MICHELE MARTENSON, 256-5351 or 843-8673

I WOULD LIKE TO STATE MY STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 851.

THE SECTION I AM CONCERNED BEING PASSED IS IN REGARDS TO THE PAYER OF SUPPORT GOING BEHIND THE FAMILY COURT'S BACK AFTER THE COURT ORDER FOR SUPPORT ORDER WAS ISSUED AND SUBMITTING A FORM TO LOWER SUPPORT TO THE STATE CHILD SUPPORT DIVISION. THE CHILD SUPPORT OFFICE ACCEPTED IT ~~AND~~ ^{WITHOUT INVESTIGATION} THE HEARINGS OFFICER WILL NOT DISMISS THE CASE. WHY IS THERE AN EVIDENT LOOPHOLE IN THE LAW WHERE THE SUPPORT DIVISION CAN SUBORCEDE A STATE COURT ORDER ISSUED BY A JUDGE?

IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE THE COURT ORDER WAS FOR \$1760 A MONTH. THE SUPPORT PAYER (FATHER) PAYS, SO FAR, \$1000. MY DAUGHTER LIVES 35 MILES OUTSIDE HILD, SHE HAS FIVE CHILDREN AND CANNOT FIND WORK OTHER THAN THE HOUSE CLEANING JOB. THE NEWS IS \$600 AND SHE CANNOT GET ASSISTANCE. NEEDLESS TO SAY IT'S PUTTING A STRAIN NOT ONLY HER FAMILY, BUT MYSELF ALSO, BOTH FINANCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY AS HE IS NOT COOPERATING WITH THE DIVORCE & ALSO HAS A NO CONTACT RESTRAINING ORDER.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE ABOVE NUMBERS.

RESPECTFULLY,
Michele Martenson