

Letter to a Representative

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The Honorable Josephine Q. Public
Leadership Title (if appropriate)
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Representative Public:

NOTE: (If your Representative is the Chair of a committee or the Speaker of the House, it is proper to address them as: Dear Mr. or Madam Chairman: or Dear Mr. or Madam Speaker)

Please support the Congressional Resolution asking each state to pass stronger joint custody (shared parenting) laws. Tradition has long accepted it, common practice observes it, and social research supports it - children who grow up in two-parent parent households are more likely to approach adulthood at a significant advantage.

With so many children these days at risk of poverty, dropping out of school, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, and violent crime including suicide or homicide; how can this Nation NOT encourage both parents to remain actively involved in their child(ren)'s lives? Shared parenting may not be the best solution in every single instance, but it is for the vast majority of families. Help the courts - help parents - help children.

Your leadership, expertise, and awareness are vital to this increasing groundswell of popular support. It only takes a small step to expand your dedicated accomplishments in helping protect and improve the condition of children to also encourage joint parental responsibilities in the courts. Though your Congressional support, the benefits of productive communities and a better way of life are waiting for ourselves and our children.

Please let me know of your support for this important Resolution.

Sincerely,

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