
Good morning, My name is **Meghann Miller**, and I am a mother of five from Gardner, Kansas.

I've come here today—for the third time since November 2024—to make this clear: **The system is broken. And your silence makes it worse.**

I am now in what I call *Temporary Land*—a legal limbo where court delays, hidden evidence, and financial barriers are used to justify separating me from my children for over 600 days.

Raise your hand if you have had your kids taken Away in experts with no due process?

You'll hear today from agencies like KVC and DCF. They'll talk about programs and funding. But I ask you to listen to me—a mother whose children were taken because of a system that punishes those who protect.

My personal tragedy is not an anomaly; it is the predictable outcome of a system with quantified bias. The data on the handout you received proves it:

- **94%** of court-ordered psychological evaluations were ordered for women.
- **90%** of the judge-ordered therapy explicitly targeted Mothers.
- **88%** of the time, the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in my case, Randy McCalla, advocated to restrict the mother's rights and grant rights to the father.

This is not justice; this is a **quantified pattern of bias** directed at the protective parent. This bias culminated on **January 29, 2024**, when Judge O'Grady and the GAL issued an **ex parte “emergency” order removing all five of my children**—without findings of fact, notice, or a hearing. This was done even though DCF had cleared me of allegations and the GAL **withheld that exculpatory information** from the court. My children have now been gone for over **600 days**.

The system enables harm through two mechanisms: **Delay and Money**.

- **Delay:** The Kansas court rule allowing a judge **120 days to rule** on a motion is a weapon. Right now, my **Motion for Civil Contempt** sits ignored on Judge O'Grady's desk. This delay endorses the continued separation of my children. I have spent **over \$10,000** on court-ordered reunification therapy since August 2024, yet the judge's delay enables 600+ days of separation. I ask you: How can a child wait 120 days for justice?
- **Money:** Justice should not be for sale. Yet, Judge O'Grady **canceled my four-day custody trial** because I could not pay **\$13,531.25 in Guardian ad Litem fees**. This established a clear **"pay-to-parent" system**, replacing my children's constitutional right to a hearing with a financial ransom,.

On October 2, 2025, my reunification therapist, Dan Livingston, abruptly terminated services, alleging I had posted recordings on social media—an allegation that was categorically false. I would never jeopardize my chance to see my children. I demanded proof, but he instead notified the court and claimed I had breached confidentiality, further weaponizing therapy against me. Since the GAL is out of my case, the only parties who could have provided that lie to the therapist are my ex-husband and his attorney, Katie McClafin.

- **This targets mothers who will "pay and never stop fighting," a tactic I know well: I have investigated Ms. McClafin's cases and found that 90% of her cases target women, a pattern reinforced by other mothers of large families who share the same opposing counsel.**

This system protects its own, proving that it cannot police itself

Call for Immediate Legislative Action

We need radical, structural reform to end these patterns of abuse. I urge this committee to mandate the following actions immediately, aligning Kansas law with the principles of the proposed federal Family Justice and Accountability Act:

1. **Abolish the 120-Day Rule:** Mandate a maximum **30-day deadline** for judicial rulings on any motion directly affecting a child's custody or contact in family and CINC cases.
2. **Eliminate Immunity for Professional Wrongdoing:** Remove the shield of immunity for judges, GALs, and court-appointed professionals when their documented bias, obstruction, or delay deprives a parent or child of their constitutional rights.
3. **Establish Independent Oversight:** Create an **Independent, civilian-led Oversight Commission** with the power to investigate, discipline, and enforce ethical standards against these failed judicial and legal professionals.
4. **Guarantee Due Process and Transparency:**
 - Mandate the timely release of all exculpatory evidence—including DCF findings—and punish the concealment of such evidence as obstruction.
 - End the use of discredited pseudoscience like "Parental Alienation Syndrome" to discredit protective parents and restrict custody.

Please do not let my family's crisis be dismissed as a mere oversight. We need courage and action to end this systemic trauma.

Thank you.

- My complaint about **GAL McCalla's bias** was dismissed by the disciplinary office.
- My complaint about **judicial delay** went unanswered.
- In **August 2025**, my **Emergency Original Action** to the **Kansas Supreme Court**—documenting denial of due process—was rejected for “failure to state a claim that lies in mandamus.” Functionally, families like mine have **no adequate remedy**.

Post-deprivation due process: Require a **72-hour hearing** after any **ex parte custody** removal, with **sworn evidence** and **written findings** (facts and law).

1. **30-day ruling clock:** Replace the 120-day allowance with a **30-day deadline** for motions that affect **custody or contact**.
2. **Exculpatory-evidence rule:** Mandate **prompt disclosure** of **DCF exculpatory findings** to the court and all parties; make **willful concealment sanctionable**.
3. **Fee fairness:** Prohibit **trial cancellation** or **contact denial** for **inability to prepay GAL/provider fees**; require **ability-to-pay assessments** and **public itemization** of GAL time.
4. **Independent oversight:** Create a **civilian-led commission** with power to **subpoena, audit GAL/provider communications, and discipline** judges' contractors for **bias, obstruction, or retaliation**.
5. **Evidence standards:** Bar reliance on **discredited pseudo-science** (e.g., rebranded "parental alienation" constructs) absent **peer-reviewed validation**, and require **corroboration** before curtailing a fit parent's contact.
6. **Accessibility & ADA compliance:** Enforce **effective-communication accommodations** and ban practices that **price parents out** of reunification.

Please don't dismiss my family's trauma as an oversight. **It is designed into the system as it currently operates.** You have the power to correct it—**not with platitudes, but with statutory guardrails** that force transparency, timelines, and accountability.

Thank you.

Testimony of Meghann Miller – October 2025

Good morning. My name is Meghann Miller. I'm a mother of five from Gardner, Kansas.

I raised my children with love, care, and protection for over a decade. Then—without warning, without evidence, and without a hearing—they were taken from me.

Not because I harmed them. But because a system that's supposed to protect children empowered a small group of professionals—my ex-spouse, a therapist, a Guardian ad Litem, and state agencies—to erase me from their lives.

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Let me show you the facts from my case:

- 94% of court-ordered psych evaluations were for mothers.
- 90% of therapy orders targeted mothers.
- In my case, the GAL, Randy McCalla, tried to strip me of rights 88% of the time—while supporting the father.

This bias led to an “emergency” order on January 29, 2024—removing all five of my children. No hearing. No findings. And no evidence. The judge and GAL issued the order even though DCF cleared me—and they hid that information from the court.

Delay is the system’s weapon.

- My civil contempt motion sat untouched for months—while reunification therapy cost me \$10,000 with no progress.
- The law allows judges to take 120 days to rule on a motion. That’s 4 months of a child’s life—stolen.

Money is the system’s ransom.

- My four-day custody trial was canceled because I couldn’t afford over \$13,000 in GAL fees.
- This is a “pay-to-parent” system. And it punishes those who are already financially devastated.

When I filed formal complaints—against the GAL, against Judge O’Grady—they were dismissed or ignored. My emergency filing to the Kansas Supreme Court? Denied. Not because it lacked evidence—but because the system won’t police itself.

In October 2025, my reunification therapist cut off services. He claimed I shared recordings on social media. That was false. I asked for proof—none was given. The only people who could've planted that lie were my ex-husband and his attorney, Katie McClafin.

And I'm not the only one. I've met many other mothers—especially those with multiple children—who've faced the same tactics from the same lawyer. The same system.

This isn't a mistake. It's a pattern. And it's protected by law.

What you must do now:

1. End the 120-Day Delay Rule

Replace it with a 30-day limit on motions involving custody or parent-child contact.

2. End Immunity for Professionals Who Harm

When a GAL, judge, or therapist hides evidence or delays justice, they should be held accountable—no exceptions.

3. Create Real Oversight

A civilian-led commission with the power to investigate and discipline bad actors—because the system won't fix itself.

4. Guarantee Due Process

- Require a hearing within 72 hours of any emergency removal.
- Mandate disclosure of exculpatory evidence like DCF findings.
- Penalize anyone who hides it.

5. Make Justice Affordable

- No one should lose their child because they can't pay court fees.
- Require financial assessments and public records of GAL spending.

6. Ban Junk Science

End the use of fake syndromes like “parental alienation” that silence protective parents—especially mothers.

7. Enforce ADA and Accessibility Laws

- Don't let cost be a barrier to reunification.
- Accommodations must be real and enforceable.

Don't dismiss what happened to my family as an error. It was built into the system.

You have the power—and the duty—to change it.

Please act.