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I am of the Oceti Sakowin tribe.

I am a survivor of domestic violence, police misconduct, and legal abuse that lead me to lose my 28 month old breastfeeding son

In 2012, I was attacked holding my 10 day old newborn son.

I lost custody of my son to our abuser.

I have suffered for years, even becoming completely debilitated from pain struggling to feel safe in my own body after dealing with corruption in the courts and in the social services departments in the State of Maryland. I have successfully gotten at least a psychologist trying to force me to interact with our abuser declared a danger to the public by the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

I eventually became homeless and enslaved in human trafficking as a result of becoming completely disabled from the physical and emotional pain I have sustained in dealing with the inability to protect my son from abuse.

I have been in therapy for years trying to heal, but when the system is so unsafe, I need the system to be repaired to BE safe.

SB 57 will fundamentally change nothing for survivors just like the Termination of Parental Rights Bill in 2018 passed and signed into law by the Maryland General Assembly fundamentally changed nothing to protect children from rapists.

The reason nothing will fundamentally change is because the bill frequently allows court discretion to decide supervised visitation by stating "the court MAY approve a supervised visitation arrangement."

I have not been able to see my son since he was 3.5 years old back on December 20, 2015. He is now over 8.5 years old. In fact, the court subjected me to three hearings where our abuser never appealed the case to the appellate court after a judge had refused to rule in our abuser's favor based on fraudulent testimony of a court appointed social worker, but shopped for a judge in the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court until he found a judge to rule in his favor that I, a survivor who got a federal permanent restraining order who was trying to protect my son from sexual abuse that he disclosed to me after suffering from a sexually transmitted disease, was a "parental alienator." Mind you, parental alienation is a fraudulent diagnosis that was made up by the pedophile, Richard Gardner, and parental alienation is only propagated as real in the courts and in pedophile circles.

This bill will not protect my son, me or anyone else trying to escape abuse from being labeled "parental alienators," which is considered psychological or emotional manipulation by the courts. This bill doesn't specify custody or visitation arrangements, leaving the discretion up to the courts, which has been and will continue to be the problem.

This bill allows the court to continue to have discretion to keep denying the safety of our children in stating "the court may...(1) order that visitation be rescheduled; (2) modify the custody or

visitation order...; (3) assess costs or counsel fees against the party who has unjustifiably denied or interfered with visitation rights.”

This bill does not define what “any reasonable effort to protect a child or a party to a custody or visitation order” means, which leaves protective parents to be labeled “parental alienators” by rapists, pimps, pedophiles, domestic abusers, murderers, etc.

Because I have been traumatized into disability by the way the court has not protected my son, I am unable now to meet the needs of my child in Section E. This bill will not be a remedy for the protective parents who have been traumatized into disability by the corrupt nature of the courts in Maryland.

This bill will fundamentally change nothing by stating “the court MAY consider the following factors: (1) evidence of prior court orders or agreements between parties...” as I have been forced to sign agreements under duress and have loudly stated my objections to such forceful agreements. My objections have often been stricken from the record by the judge because the judge has that ability to do that.

This bill will fundamentally change nothing by stating “the court MAY consider the following factors: (6) The child’s preference if: ...(ii) the court considers the child’s possible susceptibility to manipulation by a part or by others;” as judges have discretion to determine that parental alienation, a fraudulent diagnosis made up by the pedophile Richard Garner and propagated only in the courts, is real and a means to keep protective parents from their children.

I demand that this bill be amended to actually have some teeth based on the criticisms I have already outlined or else this bill is merely political theater that fundamentally changes nothing just like the Termination of Parental Rights of Rapists bill in 2018 passed and implemented into law in 2018 by the Maryland General Assembly has not done anything to protect children from rapists. I expect to be back here for years for now because I know this Maryland General Assembly is not serious about protecting children in the state of Maryland.