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The Unfortunate

Good afternoon. My name is Rebecca Knox, I am almost 15 years old, and I am a victim of abuse not only from my biological father, but also from many therapists, and family courts. Why have a vast amount of children had to deal with the unfortunate situation of prejudice from the authorities? Why have so many lives been ruined because of the decisions and recommendations of therapists and family court judges? And why has there been no justice in our nation? Children are citizens of the United States of America and yet have had their Constitutional rights taken away. They have had no justice. Because of one's age the authorities have come to believe the child does not have the ability to know what they need, and so the child has to face much abuse for many years just because the authorities refuse to listen to what is correct and just, or follow the law.

I have had to deal with much abuse in my life. I was only 12 years old when this started happening to me. I had a therapist, named Janelle Burrill. In the year of 2009, I had an appointment with her so that she could determine whether or not reunification with my biological father was possible. I told her at least 50 times that I hated him, he had already physically abused my family, and that I would never in my life choose to do reunification with my biological father. I begged her not to, but she did not listen. She grabbed me by the wrist and started to drag me out of her office and force me into a small room with my biological father, even after she said she understood that I would not do any reunification with him. I tugged and pulled and finally retrieved my hand from her tight grip. She turned around and looked at me with a face of pure hatred and disgust. She walked toward me and put her cheek right against mine and said she would charge for contempt if I did not do reunification with my biological

father. Later, at Triad Family Services I was once again abused. I was told by Beth Tkacik, Sherah Khan, and Jennifer Cass that if I did not do supervised visitation with my biological father, they would switch custody and I would have no contact with my mom. I was extremely afraid of that happening especially after remembering when I did have shared custody. He was always drunk, smoking, which is the reason I have severe asthma, and he trapped my sisters in a corner with lit fireworks causing them to have blistered feet and burnt clothing. I finally went into the supervised visitation appointment on behalf of the terrifying fear I had from their threat. In the appointment my sister, Brittney Hodgkins, and I were abused. My sister was sexually harassed by my biological father and I was verbally abused. I was told many things including to go to Hell. The therapist who was supposed to protect me, but instead was texting during the session, was Jennifer Cass. I and my sister were abused and had absolutely no protection. Then in a later appointment, I reminded Jennifer Cass and my biological father of all the abuse situations that had happened in the supervised visitation appointment and they said that did not happen and I was making this up when I was not making it up at all!

I am only 14 years old, and already am I a victim of abuse from my biological father, many therapists, and family courts. I have been forced against my will to be abused in such a manner that no child should have to face. I and many other children have had no justice or liberty at all.

So I must recommend:

- 1: The child's opinion and best interest should be the focus when creating mandates.
- 2: Do not force anything on the victim they do not want to do.
- 3: Do not take the child from good parents, nor threaten the removal from the child's family.

These are my recommendations to you on behalf of protecting all children from their abusers.

Thank you.