

TITLE: SUPPORT "THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS BILL"

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HI EVERYONE. MY MIND IS ALL OVER THE PLACE RIGHT NOW BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT A FEW THINGS. A FEW PEOPLE HAVE RESPONDED TO MY BLOG & EXPLAINED THE PARENTAL RIGHTS ISSUE & HOW CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES WORK. NOW MY HEART & MIND ARE AT EASE SINCE MEETING MY DAUGHTERS SOCIAL WORKER HANNAH, & NOW HER COUNTY SOCIAL WORK FROM D.C.F.S. TANYA, SHE HAS HELPED ALSO. BUT I WAS READING AN ARTICLE FROM A LAWYER WHO IS INVOLVED IN THESE KIND OF LEGAL BATTLES. THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY AN ATTORNEY NAMED "MATTHEW T. MANGINO (www.mangino.com). IT'S ABOUT A NEW BILL TRYING TO GET PASSED IN LEGISLATION. TODAY THERE ARE OVER 2.3 MILLION PEOPLE IN PRISON IN THE U.S.A. 77% OF ALL MOTHERS IN PRISON WERE THE PRIMARY CARE GIVER OF THEIR CHILD BEFORE COMING TO JAIL. CHILD SERVICE AGENCIES WILL LIE & SAY THAT "REUNIFICATION" IS THE GOAL FOR THE CHILD & THE INCARCERATED PARENT BUT OVER A STAGGERING 80% OF THEM ARE IN PRISONS OVER 100 MILES AWAY (MYSELF INCLUDED) FROM THEIR CHILD AND THE AVERAGE PRISON STAY IS 30-100 MONTHS. BUT PARENTAL RIGHTS ARE USUALLY TERMINATED BY THE CHILD SERVICE AGENCY AND THE COURTS AFTER 15-24 MONTHS OF FOSTER CARE. CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS GO THROUGH PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC DISTRESS, ANGER, DEPRESSION, SHAME, GUILT, ABANDONMENT. THEY ALSO SUFFER IN THE SCHOOLS AS WELL. WHEN THESE CHILDREN GO THROUGH THE TRAUMA OF ABANDONMENT & INSECURITY, & THE DEPRESSION, THESE ISSUES CAN LAST FOR A VERY LONG TIME. FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES PARENTAL RIGHTS TO BE TERMINATED AFTER THE 15-24 MONTHS TIME FRAME. WHEN PARENTAL RIGHTS ARE TERMINATED, THE CHILD IS THE ONE WHO IS FORCED TO FORFEIT THE MOST SACRED AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF ALL, THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN A FAMILY, TO BE LOVED BY THAT FAMILY, TO HAVE THEIR OWN IDENTITY.

ANYONE IN PENNSYLVANIA WHO READS WHAT I WRITE, I URGE YOU, BEG YOU, I IMPLORE YOU TO SPEAK UP. INFORM YOUR LOCAL SENATORS TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENTS BILL. MAKE IT LAW. WHEN MY PARENTAL RIGHTS WERE TERMINATED, THE LAST SOCIAL WORKER MICHELLE, SHE SENT ME A LETTER STATING THAT ALL RIGHTS WERE TERMINATED & ALL CONTACT WOULD CEASE BETWEEN MYSELF & MY CHILD & THAT SHE WOULD NOT BE FACILITATING ANY FURTHER CONTACT. MAYBE THAT'S HER JOB, BUT THAT'S STILL A VERY CRUEL & INHUMANE THING TO DO TO A PARENT & THEIR CHILD.

MY NEXT TOPIC IS PRESIDENT OBAMA & ANOTHER BROKEN PROMISE. I AM QUOTING A NEWSPAPER PARAGRAPH "OBAMA SAYS HE SUPPORTS A HIGHER MINIMUM WAGE BUT HE CAVED IN & ABANDONED HIS CAMPAIGN PROMISE TO PUSH FOR THE "EMPLOYEES FREE CHOICE ACT" WHICH WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO RESTORING WORKERS RIGHTS AND TO FORMING UNIONS TO PROTECT WORKERS. MINIMUM WAGE IS \$7.25, IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUSHED TO \$9.00. IN HERE, MINIMUM WAGE IS 19¢ PER HOUR. THAT'S WHAT THE AVERAGE PRISONER MAKES. MAXIMUM WAGE IS 42¢ PER HOUR. BUT THAT'S ONLY FOR THE GUYS WHO WORK IN THE SHOPS WHERE THEY MAKE CHEAP CLOTHING, SOAP, AND MAINTENANCE REPAIRS. OUR COST OF LIVING IN HERE CONTINUES TO RISE, THE FOOD IS GETTING SO BAD, WE CONTINUE TO SUFFER. THIS MORNING WE HAD SCRAMBLED EGGS, (POWDERED EGGS) AND CREAM OF WHEAT THAT WAS SO WATERY IT WAS LIKE SOUP. PRISONERS WHO WORK IN PA PRISONS, OUR PAY IS NOT FROM