

**THE CURRENT STATE OF  
AFFAIRS REGARDING THE  
RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN  
WYOMING**

WE CURRENTLY HAVE JUDGES  
IN THIS STATE,  
WHO ACTUALLY BELIEVE...

THAT IT IS THEIR LEGAL  
RESPONSIBILITY...

TO RETURN CHILDREN BACK TO  
“PARENTS” WHO HAVE JUST  
BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON  
FOR LONG TERM METH OR  
OTHER SERIOUS DRUG USE



**“A LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY”**

**TO RETURN CHILDREN BACK TO  
“PARENTS” WHO HAVE BEEN ABSENT  
FOR YEARS...**

**ENGAGING IN CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR,  
PATTERNS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,  
WHO HAVE HISTORIES OF MENTAL  
ILLNESS, PARENTS WHO HAVE NEVER  
ATTEMPTED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT  
FOR THEIR CHILD**

SENDING THEM “BACK”  
WITH NO REGARD TO THE  
EMOTIONAL BONDS, NEED  
FOR STABILITY, OR THE  
IMPACT ON THE CHILD’S  
EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING  
FOR LIFE



THESE JUDGES BELIEVE THAT  
RETURNING THESE CHILDREN  
TO HABITUAL DRUG USERS  
AND FELONS IS REQUIRED BY  
THE U.S. CONSTITUTION!

EVEN THOUGH THE TENTH  
CIRCUIT COURT HAS  
RECENTLY DISAVOWED THIS  
LINE OF THINKING



OUR SUPREME COURT  
JUSTICES HAVE MADE IT  
CLEAR THAT OUR  
CONSTITUTION WAS NEVER  
INTENDED TO BE USED AS A  
MEANS TO SUPPRESS THE DUE  
PROCESS RIGHTS OF  
VULNERABLE CITIZENS,  
PUTTING THEIR SAFETY AND  
WELL-BEING AT GREAT RISK



IN ADDITION, TO HELP  
JUDGES AVERT THE  
DESTRUCTION OF CHILDRENS'  
LIVES, TWENTY-TWO  
STATES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY  
ENACTED SPECIFIC LAWS TO  
HELP PREVENT THESE  
HORRIBLE ATROCITIES.

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO  
CHANGE THE LAW

TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLES OF OUR  
NEIGHBORING STATES

TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN

RECOGNIZING THEY TOO HAVE DUE  
PROCESS RIGHTS

THEY TOO HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL  
RIGHTS



## TRANSCRIPT QUOTES FROM OUR JUDGES

**“SO YOU’RE GOING TO ARGUE THAT IF SHE (MOM) USES DRUGS IN THE HOME SHE’S DANGEROUS...” I BELIEVE THAT THAT WOULD MAKE, I DON’T KNOW, PROBABLY TWO OR THREE THOUSAND KIDS IN THIS JURISDICTION SUBJECT TO GUARDIANSHIP. THE STATE OF WYOMING DOESN’T EVEN TAKE KIDS FOR DRUG USE UNLESS YOU CAN TRANSLATE IT TO LETTING A THREE-YEAR-OLD RUN IN THE YARD BECAUSE YOU’RE HIGH.”**

**“THE LAW IS THE CHILDREN BELONG WITH THEIR PARENTS.”**

## QUOTES FROM OUR JUDGES

“...YOU ASSUME, AND EVERYONE DOES, THAT WHERE THE CHILDREN WANT TO LIVE AND WHAT’S IN THEIR BEST INTEREST... IS LEGALLY IRRELEVANT IN THIS PROCEEDING.” “IT IS NOT RELEVANT, AND WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE, AND THE TRUTH IS, I PROBABLY WON’T EVEN LET YOU ARGUE IT...” “UNFITNESS IS THE BURDEN...” “A CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED RELATIONSHIP...” “AND HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT’S BEST”



## QUOTES FROM OUR JUDGES

**“AND AS YOU KNOW, THE LAWYERS KNOW, MAYBE THE PARTIES DON’T, *JUDGES HAVE TO SEND KIDS HOME WITH PARENTS THAT MAKE THEM SICK TO THEIR STOMACH ALL THE TIME...*”**

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***IN SUMMARY, THE CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED A GUARDIAN AD LITEM’S INPUT...THE CHILDREN’S BEST INTERESTS ARE IRRELEVANT, AS THEY ARE NOT A PARTY TO THE ACTION – SAFETY AND WELL-BEING DISREGARDED!***

EXAMPLES OF...  
WHY OUR LAWS MUST CHANGE

WHY DRUGS AND PARENTING DON'T MIX!

WHY JUDGES SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO HEAR  
EVIDENCE

WHY BEST INTEREST MATTERS SAFETY AND WELL-  
BEING OF A CHILD

1. THE REMOVAL OF CHILDREN IN STABLE RELATIVE CARE, some for MORE THAN A DECADE AND THE DISASTROUS RESULTS
2. THE DEAD CHILDREN IN CARE OF A METH HEADS
3. A CHILD RETURNED TO THE FATHER WHO LIVED WITH A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER???