**Want change?** Instead of grumbling or complaining we all can influence our government as an American, by letting the legislators know how we feel about an issue! Want more shared parenting, **write this letter** (*personalize the letter but PLEASE make it a positive message*) to **your** WI legislators (**representative and senator**) and fill in your name and their info and e-mail away! **Takes 2 minutes and this is the only way to get family court legislative improvements acted on**. Ask your family to please reach out to their reps as well. Please bcc: info101@wisconsinfathers.org on any email letters so we have an idea of how many messages have been sent. **THANK YOU, together we can make a positive change!**

**Use this website connection to get the email and phone number of YOUR WI rep and senator**: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>

**Take two minutes and let them know that you want things improved with Family Courts here in WI.**

[**Your Name**]

[**Your Address**] [**Date**]

Dear **Representative / Senator name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ,**

As one of your constituents, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the current state of separated family law in WI, particularly regarding the children’s access to **both** of their parents. I believe it is crucial for our state to keep pace with the progress being made in other states and to undertake necessary changes **that benefit the children** and help both parents.

*Personalize it with your own story. Are you being kept from your children? From your grandchildren?  Did you see your father when you were growing up?*

What deeply concerns me is the perceived reluctance of the state to evolve its family law statutes to ensure that fair and healthy placement outcomes happen in each family situation. It is disheartening to witness the progress made by other states while our state lags in adapting to the changing needs of families and children, and science shows that when two parents are significantly involved with children, children do much better.

Specifically, I propose that we work together to accomplish these goals:

**1. Champion a more balanced approach to child custody arrangements,** with a strong emphasis on **shared parenting** responsibilities unless there are compelling reasons for an alternative arrangement.

2. Advocate for child support calculations that reflect the current and actual costs associated with children as calculated by the actual costs from current validated references, thereby preventing undue financial strain on one home, and ensuring that child support obligations are fair, equitable and appropriate.

I believe that these reforms are not only necessary but also in the best interests of all parties involved. Our state should strive to align itself with other states that have already embraced these changes and are witnessing positive outcomes for families and children.

I kindly request your support and guidance in championing these reforms on behalf of all separated parents who are dedicated to the well-being of their children. The time is ripe for our state to evolve and lead the way in creating a family law system that truly serves the interests of its residents. A recent statewide poll showed that over 90% of WI residents felt shared parenting was in the best interest of children.

Thank you for your attention to this crucial matter. I look forward to hearing about any steps you may take to address these issues and bring about positive change for families in our great state.

Sincerely,

**[Your Name]**

**[Your Contact Information]**