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These measures do not address the true issues of domestic violence and will make it yet harder for women to get away and be able to protect their children. Domestic Violence shelters tell women to get out, and yet when we do, we are charged with kidnapping and parental alienation. The perpetrator simply says "I never said I would kill her" so then she gets labeled with unstable, crazy, paranoid, unsuitable mother and a liar.

Interestingly, if the man saying "I'm going to kill you and take your child" is not married to you, it is called "terroristic threatening". Any mother who does not leave with her child would be considered a bad mother. Yet, when we leave because the man saying it is our husband, we are charged with kidnapping???

How do I know all this? Because I stayed married to an abusive man for 10 years to protect my daughter because I knew this is how the courts handle DV. I have been in court in a divorce (because he filed for divorce) for 2 1/2 years defending myself against all of the above charges. He has used the court to assist him in his goal of bankrupting me to make me and my daughter homeless. I have spent over \$80,000 in attorneys fees, had 7 judges in 2 states, and at least 7 attorneys including attempting to represent myself. He pays no child support or medical, has not been accountable for the damage he has done, and is not being held accountable for threatening my life and the well being of our child. The courts still say he has rights as a father when he never wanted a relationship with our daughter when we were living together.

Any law making it harder for women to protect their children, start over and give these precious little souls a chance to have a peaceful loving home, is reprehensible.

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