



Board of Directors
Simply Parent
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Dear Simply Parent Board of Directors:

Knowing about the hard work Simply Parent is doing to promote recognition and support for accurate understanding about parental alienation in legal and mental health systems, I would like to inform you about a significant advance that Parental Alienation Study Group has made in this regard. In addition, we would like to celebrate this news with you!

On September 25, 2018, the U.S. House of Representatives passed House Concurrent Resolution 72. This resolution concerns increased safety for children in child custody and adjudication cases in the U.S. There was a critical problem with this resolution in its original form. The resolution specifically named parental alienation as “scientifically unsound theory,” recommending that U.S. courts *not* consider parental alienation when investigating child abuse during custody and adjudication cases.

PASG discovered this problem and began a campaign to have the resolution changed.

After a visit by PASG leaders to Capitol Hill; consultation with lobbying specialists in child mental health; the submission of summaries of dozens of legal cases in which parental alienation was judged to be a highly significant factor in child adjudication; and a year-long letter writing campaign, PASG achieved the almost-impossible. We have influenced the U.S. Congress to change the wording of H. Con. Res. 72. The paragraph that includes parental alienation as “scientifically unsound theory” has been removed.

This is a victory for parental alienation practitioners and families everywhere. We have taken a huge step forward toward preventing attorneys in U.S. family courts from being able to reference a federal mandate in order to de-legitimize parental alienation as “unscientific.”

PASG’s *Committee for Public and Professional Accountability* is proud of this accomplishment. When less than 2% of proposed bills and resolutions ever reach the floor of Congress to be passed, this resolution has been presented and approved by the House of Representatives. In its revised form, which includes the exact wording PASG recommended, we have helped prevent thousands of children and families in the U.S. from having parental alienation dismissed as an unimportant concern.

Please let your fellow members and associated professionals know about this accomplishment, and join us in celebrating this news. In addition, please share Simply Parent’s accomplishments with us as your work continues.

Sincere regards,

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