

34 Franklin Street  
Lyons, NY 14489  
August 8, 2005

**The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton**  
United States Senate  
476 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

**The Honorable Glenn T. Suddaby**  
United States Attorney,  
Northern District of New York  
**RE: United States v. Murtari**  
P.O. Box 7198  
100 S. Clinton St  
Syracuse, NY 13261-7198

Dear Senator Clinton & Mr. Suddaby:

I am a coordinator for a group of loving mothers and fathers who feel it is time for our Nation to both recognize and protect the rights of parents to raise and nurture their own children. The rights of children to have both parents involved in their lives. We feel we need Federal Civil Rights protection in the form of a Family Rights Act.

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We certainly hope we are the next GREAT Civil Rights movement. We have visited legislators for years, but it is hard to get traction on our issues. Our immediate goal is a local meeting between parents and Senator Clinton and I have attached a draft Agenda to this letter. I certainly understand that we may seem to represent a minor issue. At present we are not well organized, nor do we have a lot of political capital in the form of funding or large public demonstrations.

What we do have is the power of an idea and also the knowledge there are millions of parents and children across this country who have been hurt. Who have the power of government suddenly separating them from each other. Who know something just went terribly, terribly wrong in their lives – but don't know what to do about it. We hope to help them find their voice. So that we soon all understand the right to 'family' is one of our most basic human rights and that we need to put clear protections in place before government can interfere.

Our public method is NonViolent Action and we hope to set a good example that significant social reform can be achieved NOT by using anger, ridicule, and violence – but by Faith, Love, and personal sacrifice. I have written you both in the past, but do so now as we seem to approach a new threshold of activity locally at the Syracuse Federal Building.

I am peaceful and concerned about Civil Rights. It is most disturbing to find myself pushed away by security staff, but not charged with any violation of the law. I find the local US Attorneys office clearly involved in controlling the conduct of security staff to get a 'desired outcome'. I have attached an affidavit which has more details.

I recently went through a financial 'shake down' regarding a \$500 fine which was levied, at the US Attorney's request, last year by Judge DiBianco. In early May I got a letter from the IRS notifying me that a tax refund of \$204 had been intercepted by the Justice Department. I was surprised and had expected the refund to go to my former spouse for back child support. Mr. Southwick was able to confirm the penalty had taken precedence over the support payment. Is there anything you can do about that?

Later in April/May I not only received a request for complete financial disclosure (which I completed and submitted material to a paralegal), but then another request to appear at a deposition which required even more documents be submitted. I spent many hours preparing the material and transferring it to staff, including computer disks with Company information. At the deposition I then spent over two hours with Mr. Pease, Chief of the Civil Division, Asst. US Attorney Southwick, a paralegal, and a court reporter who was recording the testimony. I was amazed at the amount of government expense being incurred.

Currently, I just had a 10% gross income execution (\$80.00) taken out of my biweekly paycheck, leaving me with about \$500 for two weeks. The people at the deposition wanted to me to give the government \$50 a month as something reasonable. I failed to 'cooperate' and now face a levy of \$160/month instead. Why? This may destroy my ability to even visit my son this fall.

Please Senator Clinton & Mr. Suddaby, my goal is Civil Rights and my methods are peaceful. I have told many parents this method will work and I have to see it through to completion. That is my duty both to them and to my family. I have no doubt of the physical power of my government to 'crush' me, but I hope that is not necessary here. I certainly hope Senator Clinton can find time in her busy schedule to meet with some of our parents. It would give a lot of hope to them and to many, many others.

Respectfully yours,



John Murtari

<http://www.AKidsRight.Org/>

315-635-1968, x-211

**Attach: Draft Agenda  
Motion Papers**

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| <b>CC: US Magistrate Judge Gustav J. DiBianco</b> |
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# **Draft Agenda - Meeting with Senator Hillary R. Clinton**

*Summary - what follows are some concrete guidelines we are using as we approach a personal meeting with our US Senator on protecting Family Rights. It should help the Senator's staff in planning for the meeting and also members of our group -- it can hopefully be used as a guideline as other face-to-face meetings occur. You feedback is welcome, send comments to [webmaster@AKidsRight.Org](mailto:webmaster@AKidsRight.Org)*

## **Goals:**

To allow the Senator to hear directly from loving mothers and fathers on how their relationship with their children was jeopardized or destroyed by Court proceedings as a result of divorce, separation, or child abuse allegations. To give her a chance to question the parents about their experience and feelings. *We all discovered we had no real protected right to be parents to our own children, that all was subjective and dependent on the decision of a single judge.* To expose the Senator to the concept that we want Family Rights, a human right, to be recognized and protected. WE ARE NOT calling for MORE FEDERAL INTERFERENCE, but less. The recognition of established constitutional protections to protect families. We only ask the same principles used to protect liberty, also protect the bond between parents and children (probably an even more valued freedom). There ought to be a "significant barrier" the system has to cross before they can interfere with our family life.

- 1) The right to counsel.
- 2) The right to be presumed innocent and deserving of an equal relationship with your kids.
- 3) The right to protection of a jury. The "state" needs to prove you were a demonstrated serious and intentional threat to your child.

## **NOT Goals:**

- To ask the Senator about her feelings.
- To ask the Senator her position on reform.
- To complain about child support.
- To complain about conduct of specific people: lawyers, judges, former spouses.
- To give 'legal arguments' about what went wrong in your case.

## **Meeting Guidelines:**

- 60 minutes of real content.
- No questions of the Senator.
- Entire proceeding recorded audio/visual for later Internet display. A public meeting.
- Short five minute intro statements from Senator and AKidsRight.Org group coordinator.

## **Parent Participant Guidelines:**

- Small group of 8 -12 people.
- Mothers and Fathers.
- Parents separated from children by action of former spouse.
- Parents separated from children by action of social services.
- All parents must be willing to be 'public' with their entire story. Already have it posted at our [Hall of Shame](#) page.
- Prepare a two page summary of your story for the Senator's staff in advance. Include a picture of you and your children.
- Prepared to give a two-three minute presentation of the shock, pain, and indignity caused to your family by the present process. Your feelings.

## **Follow Up:**

We will be ready to participate in any follow on discussions with legislative staff. We would like the Senator to call for Congressional Hearings to investigate the need for protecting Family Rights. To receive a detailed reply from her on the need for such hearings and why/why not.

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August 4, 2005

Honorable Gustav J. DiBianco  
US Magistrate Judge  
**RE: United States v. Murtari**  
P.O. Box 7396  
100 S. Clinton Street.  
Syracuse, NY 13261-7396

Dear Judge DiBianco:

I submit the attached motion for your review and action. I must be quite honest over my concern over the direction events have taken at the Federal Building in the last several months as I attempt to get Senator Clinton's attention regarding Family Law reform. It would appear that officials are being very selective at enforcement and are forcing me to take more 'dramatic' steps in my peaceful actions.

I sense there is a desire to protect Senator Clinton from 'embarrassment' by having a peaceful parent arrested. Some may want me to escalate my conduct to a more serious incident so they can say, "I told you so!" The physical power of government is overwhelming and they appear ready to expend considerable resources on this.

My commitment to Family Law Reform and the peaceful methods of NonViolent Action has not wavered. It was never my goal to turn this effort into a Court battle or a struggle with building security, but to keep government effort to a minimum. I hope the Court will act to establish a sense of order and also protect my rights.

Respectfully yours,

**CC: Asst. US Attorney Richard Southwick, Esq.**  
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**CC: Senator Clinton, Syracuse & Washington off.**

John Murtari  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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United States of America,

vs.

John Murtari,

Defendant

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that upon the attached affidavit and upon all prior pleadings and proceedings heretofore had herein, a Motion will be made as follows:

**DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF MOTION:** In front of the Honorable Gustave J. DiBianco at the United States Courthouse in Syracuse, New York as soon as both sides may be heard.

**TYPE OF MOTION:** Defendant seeks an Order of the Court:

1. Vacating a 'stay away' order, dated December 13, 2002.
2. Dismissing all charges resulting from an arrest that occurred on April 7, 2005 and are presently pending trial.
3. Ordering local officials not to use physical force on the Defendant while he is performing peaceful civil rights related activities, unless they plan on arrest.

Dated: August 4, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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United States of America,  
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**Affidavit in Support of  
Motion.**

JOHN MURTARI, being duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. I am the defendant in this action, and I make this statement in support of my motion dated August 4, 2005.

**Vacate 'stay away' order**

2. The order issued on December 13, 2002 is now almost three years old. Events since then have shown the Defendant has always been polite, respectful, and peaceful in all his activities and is quite sincere in his desire to promote the issue of Civil Rights protection for the parent/child bond. The order gives a clear impression this person is some type of threat and incapable of civil behavior.
3. The order has been upheld on Appeal, but the Defendant has always asserted that its factual basis - that the Defendant was involved with other in creating a disturbance in the building hallways - never occurred.
4. Recent trial decisions have supported the Governments assertion that existing Building Rules & Regulations give them the authority to arrest the Defendant (if desired) for his peaceful petition activity outside Senator Clinton's offices on the 14<sup>th</sup> floor. No additional enforcement or penalty authority is needed.
5. This order has been misused by officials to completely block Defendant's access to the building without an 'appointment'.

**Dismiss pending charges**

6. After being repeatedly pushed away from the building the Defendant, on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005, did take children's chalk and write on the ground, "Dom I Love You - Senator Clinton help us!" He was arrested and arraigned by Judge Lowe for 'destruction of government property'. The Government moved for a speedy trial and conviction.
7. On the next Court appearance, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, the US Attorney moved for dismissal of the charges, but stated the government would have prevailed but wanted to save expenses.
8. On January 25<sup>th</sup> Defendant returned to the building with another parent, Ms. Cathy Hughes. They both engaged in writing messages on the ground in chalk. No action was taken. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> the Defendant returned and performed similar conduct, no action was taken. He was returned on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> and attempted similar conduct. Once building maintenance came out and washed away the chalk with water, on one occasion a security officer took his chalk away.
9. The matter currently pending trial results from an incident which occurred on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005, in which Defendant attempted to write "Dom I Love You - Senator Clinton help us!" with children's chalk on the outside wall of the building. He was arrested after writing only a few letters.

10. Defendant then returned to the building on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> and was able to write all or parts of his message. Security staff approached him, took his chalk, and allowed him to walk away. Officers were assigned to monitor him while he was near the building.
11. To reduce impact on building security, Defendant would tell security when he was leaving or when he expected to return. He also minimized his efforts to avoid expending a lot of their time once he realized no arrest would occur.
12. Events of the last few months have made it difficult to understand what is or is not allowed at the Federal Building. It appears too much discretion is being used in enforcing rules and a tremendous waste of manpower for what should be a very simple item.
13. Defendant believes officials are acting from 'political' motivation. That it would be an embarrassment to Senator Clinton to have a peaceful parent arrested outside her offices. Defendant is pushed outside. It might be an embarrassment to have a peaceful parent arrested right outside the building. Defendant believes the government is intentionally acting in a manner that can only serve to escalate the conduct.
14. The rule of law should apply to the officials as well. The Court should demand fair and equal enforcement of law.

#### Issue protective order

15. In a Trial held by Judge DiBianco on Nov. 7, 2003. Defendant was found not guilty on two of the counts for incidents which occurred on Oct 1, 2003 and Oct 9, 2003. In these incidents the Defendant had entered the lobby of the building and security staff asked him where he was going. He replied "to petition Senator Clinton for Family Law reform". He was arrested on that basis as having 'intent' to violate the stay away order of Dec. 13, 2002.
16. Since that time the Defendant has returned and attempted to enter the building on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and September 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2004. January 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> of 2005. He tells security staff, "I am here to petition Senator Clinton for Family Law reform" and is pushed away and forced out of the building.
17. On at least two occasions I have written the US Attorney's office in an attempt to bring a stop to such behavior. I served as a pilot in our Air Force and to be subject to such treatment, pushed away like a 'bag lady' - is an indignity and not appropriate. Most especially when the person being pushed away is a peaceful parent looking for Civil Rights protections.

18. When Communist Chinese leaders do not want to be embarrassed by having peaceful protesters arrested in Tiananmen Square the guards just 'push' people away. Such conduct by police should not be tolerated here in America. As such conduct always does, it has not solved, but only aggravated the situation and events.

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JOHN MURTARI

Sworn to before me this  
4<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2005.

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Notary Public