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Dear Premier Harris

RE: Help me to get my daughter off Ontario's welfare system!

I am writing to request your assistance and/or intervention in getting my child off the Ontario Welfare system. My three-year-old daughter has been forced into the province's welfare system for no valid reason and against the wishes of at least one of the parents. My family and I are being denied any opportunity to care for our own child and to keep our own flesh and blood from being a welfare dependant.

As the father of this child, I feel utterly frustrated because it seems that the system is geared into pushing more children and families into the cycle of welfare dependency rather than promoting ways of encouraging families to get off of the system. I do not want my child on welfare but neither I, nor my family, have been given any choice in the matter.

Just what kind of crazy social welfare system do we have when the Province of Ontario forces its way into our private lives, forcefully takes away children from good, capable parents and then tells us parents that we are not allowed to financially support our own children and that the government and the taxpayers will be given this job instead. Then, to add further insult, the welfare department demands that the parents pay them the money. It seems to me that a lot of workers in certain government bureaucracies such as welfare, the family courts and the Family Responsibility Office are creating lots of work for their little empires with these kind of draconian, police-state like policies. Employees in these government agencies have more than a vested interest in forcing more children into the system at huge cost to the taxpayers as it keeps the machinery in their bureaucracies working. The administration costs related to operating these government agencies must be as much, if not more than the cost of supporting the child in each case. With the many thousands of such cases likely going on in the Province of Ontario, these draconian policies are creating no less than a huge and unnecessary financial burden on the resources of the Province of Ontario and its taxpayers.

I am a hard working father of 32 years of age. I don't drink. I don't smoke. I love children, lead a respectable life and believe in family values. I have a clean and comfortable home and have a good family and community support system. I am a volunteer at the local YMCA daycare centre. After the family court system threw me into bankruptcy after my separation, I have returned to school full time to study early childhood development in preparation to be a manager of a daycare facility. I know a lot about young children and am a great father. Yet, while I am allowed to care for other children, the Ontario government has taken my own daughter away from me and has told me that I cannot look after my own flesh and blood. I am being told that my daughter must be made a dependant of the welfare system along with her mother who chooses not to work, who is on medication for depression, who smokes heavily and who drinks

excessively. The mother is capable of working and contributing to the province's economy, yet she chooses to take the welfare system for a free ride at the expense of taxpayers and in fact has done so for many years.

As evidence to show that the Province and its taxpayers are being abused, I have attached sheets listing some of the facts in my case. Proof exists for all of the facts I have documented on the attached sheets. It is clear that my child and myself are being abused and the taxpayers of the Province of Ontario ripped off.

It would be greatly appreciated if you, as a Premier of our province, could begin to ask some questions about this blatant abuse of the welfare system. This is no less fraud of immense magnitude on the taxpayers of the Province of Ontario. It is clear corruption in my mind. My rights as a parent are being violated by the government. My daughter's rights to be cared for by one of her loving and capable parent is being violated. Taxpayers are being ripped off for no justifiable reason whatsoever. Is this the better and more friendlier kind of Province that Mike Harris promised to give? Does the Province of Ontario have that much money to throw around that it prefers to put more children on welfare rather than take them off?

In these days when there is a shortage of money for hospitals and schools it seems repulsive that this sort of abuse of the welfare system is allowed to continue. A very simple means test for parenting capabilities should be given to separated parents when application is made for welfare with any children being placed in the care of the parent who can meet the required child care expectations without reliance on welfare. This simple test is all that is required to end this flagrant abuse of the welfare system.

I would be pleased to meet with you and to show the third party assessments I have regarding my parenting abilities. I would challenge any social worker or any government agency to come to my home and to find any reason why I cannot provide adequate care for my own child without the imposition of welfare. I would welcome any social worker to come to my home to see the conditions and level of care that I can provide for my daughter. I am prepared to meet any condition that the welfare department or any social worker can throw at me to have me prove that I can provide a safe and loving environment for my child without the welfare. I can almost assure you that should this be done, that the mother will make immediate efforts to get off welfare herself once her free cheque from welfare for the child was to end. **All I want is for my government to give me the fair opportunity to get my child off the welfare system!**

This current and ongoing abuse of my child, the abuse of my family and the abuse of the taxpayers of the Province of Ontario must be STOPPED! It's about time that this government cleaned up this kind of abuse of the system for the benefit of all children and families in our province. This whole welfare scam where single parents scam the system for money while being allowed to abuse their children and to keep another capable and caring parent out of their children's lives is an absolute disgrace to not only the Province of Ontario but our family justice system and to all those who are involved in this form of welfare abuse.

Your personal help in this matter would be very much appreciated and I would very much welcome a meeting to discuss this issue in person with you. An inquiry of some sort into this abuse of children and their families through this form of welfare fraud and abuse would certainly be of benefit to a great many other children and families in the Province of Ontario.

Yours truly,



Daniel Krieger

cc: The Honourable Senator Anne Cools

Facts relating to the Kreiger case

Supporting evidence available upon request

The following are the true facts in my case. Credible evidence, including third party evidence exists for all the claims made on this fact sheet

- My former wife is under medication and the care of a doctor for mental depression. Expensive prescription drugs are being supplied to her through welfare at the expense of taxpayers. She suffers from an inability to make the correct choices in her life and to cope with single parenthood, yet the family court and the welfare department consider this mother fit enough to be a sole custodial parent requiring no help or support from the other parent. In addition, my former wife's parents have enough family resources to financially support their daughter, should they choose, but have instead chosen to have the taxpayers of Ontario support her so that they don't have to spend their own money. Why should lazy and irresponsible parents and families take responsibility for their own family members, including their own children, when the government will do it for free? What a great way to encourage abuse of the welfare system!
- I have two child assessment and home study reports from third parties which clearly show that the mother has and continues to abuse my daughter and that she is failing to act in the best interest of my daughter. Yet, the family courts and the welfare departments have ignored these reports and other evidence of child abuse and have decided, without any evidence, that the mother should have sole custody and be allowed to live for free off the Ontario taxpayers under welfare.
- My former wife was a ward of the Children's Aid when she was younger. During the time she was a ward of the CAS, she abused thousands of dollars in taxpayer's funds given to her by the local Children' Aid agency. She spent a good part of the money she received from CAS on her smoking, drinking and partying. To her, the money she received from Children's Aid was considered as free "spending money." During the time she received all of this money, she chose not to work and only paid lip service to her schooling and efforts to seek employment just to look good for her case worker. After all, why work when the government gives you free money with no responsibility?
- My former wife was placed into the care of the CAS system as a young child because of sexual abuse of her by her parents. Although the parents had money, it seems that the CAS took her into care while the parents were able to totally absolve themselves of their responsibilities to their child as the taxpayers were now paying for their child through the CAS. Although the parents were responsible and had the financial capability to carry on their obligations for support of their own daughter, the CAS and the taxpayers gladly took over the responsibility. Why were these parents not forced to reimburse the government for costs? It was the parents who committed this crime, not the taxpayers!
- Although my former wife was sexually abused by her stepfather and her natural mother, she now takes my daughter to be cared for by the same parents who sexually abused the mother. The stepfather was convicted by the courts for sexual abuse and the mother was an accomplice to this. Yet, the family courts and welfare in their infinite wisdom consider it OK for my three year old daughter to be put in the care and control of a convicted child sexual molester and his accomplice partner. This same man was just recently charged for assault as well.

- My former wife frequents the local tavern and drinks heavily to the point of becoming drunk. Neighbours have provided testimony as to her attendance in the tavern intoxicated. Even the local police have acknowledged that they have seen her in the tavern. Yet the family court and the welfare department consider this to be acceptable conduct for a mother to get sole custody of a young child. While this mother is out drinking, she spends more of the taxpayer's money on babysitters rather than having the child babysat by a willing father.
- The mother smokes heavily, about a pack a day of cigarettes. Her filthy habit is being paid for by the taxpayers of the Province of Ontario. In addition, my young daughter is being forced to stay in a home where she is being exposed to this cigarette smoke. This is adversely affecting my daughter's health and is creating a future liability to the province's health care system as a result of my daughter's exposure to second hand smoke. Yet, the family court and the welfare department consider it OK for my daughter to live in a smoky environment as opposed to having my daughter spend more time in a smoke free home with her father.
- My former wife has perjured herself in court documents and this can be proven. Yet the taxpayers through free legal aid paid for the mother to commit perjury in the court. Parents who are caught committing perjury in court and who are relying on legal aid should have welfare and access to legal aid **CUT OFF! The taxpayers should not be funding liars and cheats!**
- My former wife has perjured herself with the police in an attempt to have me falsely frame me for the crime of assault. Luckily, I had a concealed tape recorder which literally saved me from going to prison. Her lies have cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars in legal fees, police fees and court fees. Yet, the family court system considers this to be OK and keeps on allowing this abuse of the system to continue. The mother is encouraged to continue lying when she sees that there are no consequences for lying in court, to the police or to welfare and legal aid officials.
- My former wife lied to the local women's shelter. Again, the taxpayers have financed her abuse of the system. Evidence exists to show that she has admitted that she has never been abused and that I was a good father. Yet, she managed to hide my daughter from me for weeks without me knowing where she was. This was child abduction, yet the taxpayers through the women's shelter paid to allow this mother to break the law with impunity.
- My former wife has refused mediation and refused to have any kind of support agency assist in resolving our family matters. Why? Because she needs to hide her abuse of my child and her abuse of the legal aid plan, the women's shelter, the Family Responsibility Office and the police services. Only parents with something to hide are afraid to have third parties get involved.
- My former wife sends my child to babysitters subsidized by taxpayers when in fact I am ready and able to provide care for my daughter. She does this knowing that I want to spend time with my child. However, it seems that the family court and the welfare system feel it OK to keep a child in the care of strangers rather than in the care of a loving parent. The welfare department seems to support this form of child abuse.
- The mother has abused legal Aid and has used thousands of dollars of taxpayer's money to keep a young child away from a perfectly good, loving father. Unethical lawyers are making a fortune out

of the pain and suffering of my daughter and her family. Taxpayer's monies have been used again to make lawyers rich while making children and their families broke.

- The lawyer for my former wife pushed through a court Order with the Family Responsibility Office to collect money from myself, knowing beforehand that I had lost my job and was now going to school. This unnecessary action by the lawyer will cost the taxpayers hundreds if not thousands of dollars in paperwork and court time to correct back in court again. Welfare and the Family Responsibility Office were deliberately misled by the lawyer. The lawyer knew what he was doing yet it is the taxpayers who will pay for this fraud and deception on the taxpayers.
- The mother has yelled and screamed in anger and engaged in verbal abuse while in the presence of our daughter. This has frightened our daughter. Under criteria published by various women's groups this would be deemed to be domestic violence, yet the courts and the welfare department feel it OK to give this mother sole custody of a the very child she has committed domestic violence in front of.
- The mother has threatened me by telling me that I will never see my daughter again and that the family courts make sure that fathers loose in court every time. Her comment to me was "fathers never win in court." Unfortunately this is a truth that many in the community and legal professionals admit is fact. There is no justice in our family courts contrary to the provisions of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- The mother lives in a multiple unit rental property above an old garage where other residents have been known to use illegal drugs. Yet, welfare and the family courts consider this better than having the child spend more time at the father's home which is in a family friendly area of the community.
- There is no backyard where the mother lives with my daughter. There is an old abandoned car in the backyard of the mother's rental home. The car has a smashed windshield and is a danger to small children. Yet, the family court and the welfare consider this preferable to having the child spend more time at the father's home where there is nice fenced in and child friendly back yard.