

Senator Grant Burgoyne

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To The Honorable Senator Grant Burgoyne:

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Concerning: I cannot get a protection order, my story may help you.

With the following comments:

Hello Senator,

My name is Cynthia Hilton and Ive been an Idaho resident since 2002. Im contacting you because a volunteer with the WCA told me you are trying to get Idahos laws changed to catch up with its surrounding states in regards to Civil Protection Orders, and other laws. My story fits in with what I hear you are trying to accomplish.

I am going through an extremely high conflict divorce after 23 years of marriage. Im finding out Idaho laws do not protect people like me. I found a gps tracker on my car soon after I moved out of my marital home after filing for divorce. Because the car is in my husbands name, and because I have never been physically harmed by him, the court denied a protection order and no stalking charges were brought against him. I found a second gps tracker on my car in January. Again, no protection from Idaho. This past Sunday, I found 2 more gps trackers on my car! A total of 4 trackers in a 6 month period. I went to Ada Co Courthouse, again seeking a protection order that was again denied. All because I have not been physically abused. During this entire time, my husband has constantly emailed and text me harassing and emotionally abusing me.

I am suffering from PTSD, emotional abuse, and feelings of chronic anxiety and fear, and have been for some time. I have no local family support, and reaching out to long time friends has been difficult because of the slander and rumors husband is spreading about me.

I feel very, very threatened by the circumstances Im in, and I have no feelings of safety or security due to the entirety of the situation I am in. I am taking every recourse I can from the Family Law angle with the divorce. At this point, the police have said they may be able to get my husband on 2nd degree stalking and they are working on putting things together to bring about charges. But until the divorce is final, and until the stalking charges are actually in effect, I am still a sitting duck.

I am outraged and horrified at the lack of legal recourse I have had up to this point. I do not want to become a statistic of abuse or death. I have 3 more children to continue to care for. I need to be healthy and strong for them. I need to thrive and get on my feet after 23 years of being a stay home mom.

If there is anything I can do to help you make a change to Idahos archaic system, please let me know. I am

willing to do almost anything to further the cause of updating the laws so no one has to go through the living hell I have been in.

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