



**Guardianship. Abolish. Intervention. Now.
Victims and Families Harmed By Guardianship**

Dear Ms. Scott:

I was glad to read that there was a press conference on Thursday and Representative Goldman and some of his colleagues announced that they have formed the Congressional Dads Caucus . This appears to be a marker in a much larger pattern in the expansion of the role of government in protecting individuals.

I want to bring Representative Goldman's attention to a system in place in states called guardianship that is crushing individuals and their families. A group of business people have taken over state courts, ie probate and supreme courts and are taking family's wealth with impunity. It is because no one has ever been held accountable that this racket continues to grow. Families are being lured into guardianship and then find themselves trapped, traumatized and victims of fraud. I am starting with a 2018 New York Times article by John Leland and he quotes retired judge Kristin Glen of New York. This is shockingly routine.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/07/nyregion/court-appointed-guardianship-like-prison.html>

Also included is the following 3-day series that aired on ABC7ny.com just last week. I am part of a human rights coalition and we have been sounding the alarm on the guardianship racket. I also attached testimony that a retired judge gave to the NY State Judiciary Committee in 2022 and a nonsensical op-ed he wrote in 2015 to unsuspecting New Yorkers urging them to file for guardianship for their neighbors. Additionally, he met with former NY State Senator Anna Kaplan when he was a judge to promote expanding guardianship which means adding more private lawyers and putting more people into guardianship. I was told about this when I went to speak to her chief of staff to tell her what happened to me and my parents. In 2018, a NY State senator held a roundtable in Albany promoting this idea initiated by this same judge. Ordinary people are being gaslighted and screwed. We are seeing our basic rights being stripped away - reproductive rights, voting rights and the right to live without gun violence. What has been going on for decades too are the rights of people being pushed into guardianship by the courts, lawyers and government agencies because of a perverse incentive\$. It is a corrupt industry and needs to be dismantled. Our community website is attached and here is an essay I wrote which was published in Mad In America.

Guardianship Destroyed My Family
Marian Kornicki

Last week, a resident of Connecticut send me the following ad that was placed anonymously in the Hartford Courant on 1/19/2023. They did not know who bought and paid for the ad other than " probate litigant."