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Good day ladies and gentlemen first I'd like to say that 17-18 years is way too long to have a review over one of what I feel is the most important corrupted agencies in Texas. I feel that sunset should meet every two-four years to oversee cps. I totally agree with Senator Hinojosa on the fact nothing has changed with the dept of family and protected services and I feel as a person that was abused by a parent (but I DID BREAK THE CYCLE OF ABUSE) that the system doesn't work.

No parents or families' rights are protected from or by cps. I know mine were not. Included, many parents are being falsely accused of abuse and neglect daily by people who use the 800 number as a form of retaliation. I feel that if the reporter's name is not shared at all that the agency should take into consideration retaliation tactics against others that there be no anonymous caller policy. This way like the dfps handbook states that when allegations can be proven false and malicious that the caller(s) can be prosecuted. And if continuous calls are made on specific people even after cps

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has been involved then cps should be able to flag that persons name or their child for possible retaliation from another.

When a parent can provide doctors hospitals and other types of documentations that can prove alligations to be false then the case should be closed.

Gov Rick Perry a few years ago demanded cps reform and still there have been no changes. Rep Raymond and both Sen Birdwell and Hinijosa proved valid points yesterday as to why cps has failed and continued to fail but I will not go into each one as that would take more then the three minutes I have.

I feel that there need to be an absolute independent ombudsmans office and that no person working for that office shall have no work related history with cps.

As a mother that was forced to terminate my rights

based on lies that were proven and still labeled with an RTB I know for a fact that the system is broken and needs to be fixed or just all together removed so that the proper investigators shall do their jobs as cps investigators are not and will never be proper investigators.

Thank you for your time

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