

## **IT'S TIME TO CAN SENATOR CREEM**



### **Senator Creem's Reckless Voting Record**

- a) She helped raise taxes 8 times during the state's worst economic crisis in 25 years. The Citizens for Limited Taxation gave her a 20% rating in 2009. Massachusetts National Federation of Independent Business Organizations, Project Vote Smart gave her as low as 14% and high as only 44% ratings in recent years on business and consumer issues. Mass Technology & Communication Council gave her a 40% in 2008.
- b) She does not support term limits. She is a career politician who ALSO works as a career divorce attorney. How can she do both full-time jobs unless one feeds the other It is unconstitutional to be in two branches of government at the same time for the very reason of conflict of interest. This is called "Separation of Powers".
- c) She "advocates" TRANSPARENCY yet votes against independent audits of executive, legislative and judiciary branches.
- d) She voted against the plan that would ensure health care providers continue contributing to costly childhood immunizations...obviously special interest over voter interest.
- e) She voted against taxpayer relief by not allowing competitive prescriptions for state veterans.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - WORKING AGAINST CHILDREN AND HER CONSTITUENTS' WISHES**

1. Senator Creem is a practicing divorce lawyer and owner of a law firm. As co-chairperson of the Judiciary Committee she intentionally oversees laws that impact the divorce industry. Using her chair position, she stalls legislation that might be adverse to her family's lucrative divorce law practice. Whether shared parenting or alimony reform, Creem kills the bills. This is unethical. She should be forced to recuse herself, as anyone should when their personal financial interests are involved.
2. In a 2004 non-binding referendum question 84.5% of Mass. voters urged her to pass shared parenting legislation. Despite this overwhelming public support, Creem keeps this legislation from ever advancing to a vote. Senator Creem states this is "not a conflict of interest". What do you think? We think that claiming there is no conflict of interest is insulting to the intelligence of any thinking voter.
3. Numerous studies show shared parenting is not only fair and benefits the children, but also benefits the taxpayer – shared parenting reduces conflict and litigation and lessens the burden of the court; a burden funded by you the taxpayer. Custody battles have helped drive legal fees in divorce to an average of \$78,000 per litigated divorce (according to The Wall Street Journal). They noted Creem's tactics to delay the alimony reform vote for 8 months (her common strategy). The delay worked; the vote never took place. The more conflict, the more profit for lawyers, and the more damage to families and children.
4. Senator Creem also personally filed legislation to get rid of the constitutional referendum in Massachusetts (SB 23 in 2009)! It appears she thinks the "little people" should have no say at all! Maybe it's time the people took back their rights and returned Creem to her private life and her lucrative law practice instead of collecting two salaries all while lining her pockets with special interest money and damaging children for profit.
5. Virtually all social scientists now agree that sole custody is a form of child abuse (see reverse of this flyer). Senator Creem supports a system that awards over 85% sole custody, even when her voters don't. The best interest of all Massachusetts' children is losing to the best interest of divorce attorneys like Ms. Creem.

**MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE SENATOR CREEM IS PERPETUATING A WAR AGAINST CHILDREN & PARENTS FOR HERSELF, HER FAMILY'S AND OTHER LAWYERS' PERSONAL PROFIT! IT IS TIME TO STOP THE GREED FROM OVERRIDING AN 84.5% MANDATE OF THE PEOPLE!**

**What Can You Do?** 1. Pass this flyer around and tell three friends. 2. On Primary Election Day, Tuesday 9/14, vote against Senator Creem or leave it blank. 3. Call 617-722-2000 and ask your state representative to pass shared parenting [HB 1400] next year.

**Stop the Abuse of Children and Parents By "Family" Courts and Senator Creem**

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## **HOW WE KNOW SENATOR CREEM'S SUPPORT OF SOLE CUSTODY IS CHILD ABUSE**



### **Look at what happens to children brought up in sole custody homes\*:**

- 15.3 times more likely to have behavioral disorders
- 15 times more likely to end up in prison while a teenager, 20 times more likely in life
- 4.6 times more likely to commit suicide
- 6.6 times more likely to become teenaged mothers
- 24.3 times more likely to run away
- 6.3 times more likely to be in a state-operated institutions
- 10.8 times more likely to commit rape
- 6.6 times more likely to drop out of school
- 73% of adolescent murderers come from mother only homes
- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes. (Source: U.S. D.H.H.S., Bureau of the Census).
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes.
- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes. (Source: Center for Disease Control).
- 80% of rapists motivated by displaced anger come from fatherless homes. (Source: Criminal Justice and Behavior, Vol. 14, pp. 403-26). 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes. (Source: National Principals Assoc. Report on the State of High Schools).
- 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home. (Source: Fulton County Georgia jail populations, Texas Dept. Of Corrections, 1992).
- Massachusetts has the highest rate of confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in the country. The rate here is twice the national average. Source: Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Child Maltreatment 2007 (Washington, DC: 2009).

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**Daughters who live in mother only homes are 92% more likely to divorce\*\* These girls never learn to live with the opposite sex and their divorce rates skyrocket.**

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\*SOURCES: U.S Department of Health and Human Services: Fathers and Their Impact on Children's Well-Being (2006); Survey on Child Health (1999). \*\* Father and Child Reunion, Dr. Warren Farrell, Ph.D. (2001) lists 225 longitudinal scientific studies. Visit [www.BestInterestOfChildren.org](http://www.BestInterestOfChildren.org) for more facts, evidence kit for court and summary of over 200 studies. Some multiples calculated based on U.S. Census data showing a ratio of 3.98 to 1 for mother only homes.

## **THE SCIENCE IS 100% CLEAR: CHILDREN DO ENORMOUSLY BETTER WHEN THEY HAVE NEAR EQUAL TIME WITH BOTH PARENTS. PERIOD! END OF STORY. YET MASSACHUSETTS JUDGES AWARD OVER 85% SOLE CUSTODY! WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?**

**The divorce industry may be most destructive force in society today!** It impacts about 26 million children and 40 million parents in the U.S. at any one time. The emotional impact is often lifelong; the societal costs associated with therapy, substance abuse, crime, drugs and the increased incidence of divorce in the next generation is huge – and borne by taxpayers. It impacts children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins. Custody battles, expensive in dollars and emotional toil, feed lawyers, court budgets and related experts (the divorce industry). 330 recently divorced U.S. parents commit suicide **each month, often driven by** loss of the children, despair and loss of hope. Sole custody fuels child support, child support creates a money flow, and that money flow creates incentives to battle for sole custody. Control of the system has been ceded to the profit motives of judges, divorce attorneys and high paid experts who profit from the conflict.

**WHY? Sole custody creates government jobs. Hundreds of millions of dollars are paid each year to Massachusetts in matching funds from the federal government for child support collection.**

**FOLLOW THE MONEY:** Under the Social Security Title IV-D "welfare" program (Google it) the Massachusetts judicial system now receives about \$140 million per year in federal funds to match child "support" collections that they order. The more child support that flows through the system, the greater the fee the state collects from the feds. In January 2009, without legislative approval, the Chief Justice for Administration unilaterally increased MA child support levels (a law suit is pending). Massachusetts already had one of the highest child support levels in the nation approaching 40% of take-home pay for a single child? Political patronage and jobs in child support enforcement. **It is time for a change, fairness and the will of the people. It is time for Cynthia Creem to go. Take a stand. Tell two people every day. Call your legislators at 617 722-2000. Ask why we don't have shared parenting yet.**

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**ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, LEAVE THE ELECTION BALLOT BLANK OR VOTE FOR SEN. CREEM'S OPPONENT**

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