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MASS RALLY AT CAPITOL IN SUPPORT OF JOINT CUSTODY BILL

WHAT: Children's Rights Council, Fathers-4-Justice, the Family Rights Coalition and Dads and Moms of Michigan will hold a mass rally during Equal Parents Week in support of the joint custody legislation currently pending in the Michigan legislature (HB 5267).

WHEN: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 from noon to 2:00 pm.

WHERE: Lansing, Michigan; East Steps of Capitol Building.

BACKGROUND: Dads and Moms of Michigan, the Family Rights Coalition, Fathers-4-Justice and the Children's Rights Council invite you to join us in defense of the traditional American family at this historic rally at our State Capitol during Equal Parents Week. Over 40% of Michigan's population is being micro-managed by the family court system with disastrous consequences to our children, families and the state economy. Help transform Michigan from a wasteland of broken families into a promised land of healthy families and community renewal.

House Bill 5267, a bill to ensure equal parental responsibility, will result in a presumption of joint custody for fit parents and equal access for children to both their mother and father. Hearings on this bill are expected this fall. Your attendance at this rally will send a strong message in support of HB 5267 and serve as a demonstration of our will to be equal parents to our children.

The Equal Parents Week Rally has been organized to bring to the attention of our legislature, our executive branch, our judiciary and the general public that Equal Parenting is a civil rights issue whose time has come. America's success was built on strong family bonds and the recognition that both a mother and a father are essential to raising healthy, moral and well adjusted children.

Rally speakers will include nationally-known family advocates, legislators, VIPs, community leaders and parents. Rally attendees will hear presentations from the following speakers who have confirmed their participation as of this date:

- ❖ **Stephen Baskerville, Ph.D** President of the American Coalition for Fathers and Children
- ❖ **Rev. Ruben T. Ellis** Ordained Minister, Community Leader and Social Advocate
- ❖ **Richar' Farr** Radio Anchor and Founder of www.KRightsRadio.com
- ❖ **Bill Hall** Attorney and Candidate for Michigan Attorney General
- ❖ **Sen. Bill Hardiman** Michigan Senator for Senate District 29 and Chair of Senate Families & Human Services Committee
- ❖ **Rep. Jacob Hoogendyk** Michigan Representative for House District 61, Member of House Family and Children Services Committee and Co-Sponsor of HB5267

- ❖ **Jamil Jabr** National Coordinator Fathers-4-Justice United States
- ❖ **Mark Klein, M.D.** Physician and United States Presidential Candidate
- ❖ **Phil Holman** Attorney and Former President and Board of Director National Congress for Fathers and Children
- ❖ **David L. Levy** Attorney and Founder and Chief Executive Officer Children's Rights Council
- ❖ **Rep. Leslie Mortimer** Michigan Representative for House District 65, Member of House Family and Children Services Committee, and Primary Sponsor of HB5267

- ❖ **Michael T. Ross, M.D.** Physician and President of the Family Rights Coalition
- ❖ **Jim Semerad** Chairman of the Dads and Moms of Michigan PAC
- ❖ **Tim Wahlberg** Candidate for United States Congress Seventh District
- ❖ **Jerry Zandstra, Ph.D** Former United States Senate Candidate

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