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AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE IN SOUTH EAST REGION

*"This last year has been a nightmare. My family has been living in fear of our lives. Each morning we thank God that we did not die at the hands of our son."
- Maryland Public Hearing Testimony*

*"The meeting did not go well on Friday. I became a blubbing idiot. Just as I suspected my emotions overtook me as I felt alone in the struggle to keep custody of our son. To the others it is just a formality to receive assistance. The meeting left me feeling like we had no options. I left with tears in my eyes and a stake in my heart. A promise of a phone call, and a court date pending where we will be forced with reluctance to go through the shameful, humiliating, and injudicious act of yielding our son to the state. Please tell me this cannot be happening! Surely, I shall wake from this nightmare and find my boy fast asleep in his own bed, the one I stare at each night, the one that is empty and calls his name".
- Entry from a mother's journal*

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