



## Parents call for Civil Rights protection from Senators Schumer and Gillibrand.

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Syracuse, NY (Hanley Federal Building) – Members of the parent's groups Father's & Families New York (FAFNY) and AKidsRight.Org hope to see action from Senators Schumer and Gillibrand on protecting Family Rights. They plan to gather in the Federal Building Plaza at 1 PM on Friday, June 20. In a symbolic action they will be accompanied by Captain America.

Mr. Jack Frost (right), President of FAFNY, makes use of the Capt. America costume to call attention to the fundamental rights involved and because children are affected.

In a recent event Mr. Frost and his daughter participated in a protest on behalf of Justina Pelletiers. A case that got national attention when a Massachusetts's Judge kept a teenager away from home for over a year. She was finally returned home on June 17<sup>th</sup>!



A Fox News anchor covered the story:

<http://video.foxnews.com/v/3630688939001/family-discusses-justina-pelletiers-homecoming/#sp=show-clips>

also a written report:

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/06/17/justice-for-justina-judge-orders-connecticut-girl-to-be-returned-to-family/>

They hope the senators will issue a joint statement calling for Congressional Hearings into the need for Family Rights protections. The ultimate goal is a "Declaration of Family Rights." Principles to control the ease of parent/child splits that presently occur due to divorce, separation, or the actions of social services. [

[http://www.AKidsRight.org/parental\\_notification/family-rights-poster.pdf](http://www.AKidsRight.org/parental_notification/family-rights-poster.pdf)

The group will also be accompanied by Katherine Neville, a VP for FAFNY and organizer for the Equal Parenting Party in New York State, and John Murtari, a Coordinator for internet based AKidsRight.Org. All agree, "It's a gut wrenching pain for parent and children to be separated from each other – especially when caused by an unjust Court Order."

Mr. Murtari was involved in a hunger strike which gained national attention. Movie producer Angelo Lobo visited Syracuse and interviewed Murtari in jail for his documentary, "Romeo Misses a Payment", on the failures of the Nation's family law system. Film trailers including Murtari are visible at <http://www.TheRomeoDocumentary.com/>

In contrast to the bitterness and anger which is normally associated with protest efforts and family issues – the group plans a positive attitude. They are NOT there to condemn the senators as people who don't care about family or children's issues; however, as a natural part of the political process they want to show their concern over the issue and to increase sensitivity to their cause.

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[http://www.AKidsRight.Org/actiond\\_syr/Release\\_family1.pdf](http://www.AKidsRight.Org/actiond_syr/Release_family1.pdf)

Background information at the web site: [www.AKidsRight.Org/actiond\\_syr](http://www.AKidsRight.Org/actiond_syr)