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To: Whom it may concern

From: Craig Childress, Psy.D.

It is my great pleasure to provide this letter of reference for Ms. Wendy Perry. Wendy Perry is a warm and wonderful person, and I consider her a colleague in our efforts to help families solve their complex family conflicts surrounding divorce.

I have known Ms. Perry for about two years, beginning with her invitation to me to present at a symposium she organized in Dallas in 2017 regarding the complex family conflict following divorce commonly referred to as “parental alienation” (the trans-generational transmission of attachment trauma). I consider this symposium to be turning point in our ability to provide solutions to families struggling with court-involved family conflict.

The symposium was a great success, and it was the beginning of a shift in how professional psychology, parents, and the legal system approach complex family conflict and attachment pathology surrounding divorce. Ms. Perry’s prior work in this area entailed forming and leading a healthy and vibrant online support community for parents, and she has become an active voice for parents in solving the complex family pathology commonly called “parental alienation”.

Because of Ms. Perry’s strong advocacy support for parents, I invited Ms. Perry and another parent, Rod McCall, to join me to hand-deliver a Petition to the APA signed by over 20,000 parents. In fact, I would not have gone had they not accompanied me representing the voices of parents and children. Wendy, Rod, and I each presented a separate Statement at a press conference held at the National Press Club, and Wendy nailed her statement, presenting clear and powerful facts for the needed change and solution.

It has been my great pleasure to work with Ms. Perry at every opportunity, and I would welcome the opportunity to work with her again toward our common goal, and to provide her with my support in her future advocacy efforts. I believe Ms. Perry represents a clear and articulate voice for ending the emotional and psychological trauma of “parental alienation” family pathology surrounding divorce.



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