

### **Note to our readers:**

*If this is not a "war on women", I don't know what is! Analyn Megison was brutally and viciously attacked and raped. One legislator tried to argue that it wasn't the child's fault - that he/she has a right to connect with their own father. And I could not help but wonder, why in the world would any child want a relationship with a person who raped their mother? And what of the safety of that child? Would you want your child to be alone with a rapist?*

*Please contact Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz 202 225-7931 and Senator Sherrod Brown 202 224-2315 and ask them to re-introduce this common sense, bi-partisan legislation! Or contact your own members of the US House and Senate and ask them to support these bills.  
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### **Rapists, the law and their victims**

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<http://www.all.org/article/index/id/MTQ1NTA/>

Analyn Megison was the victim of a senseless rape. She <http://www.feministsforlife.org/hard-cases-analyn-megison/> writes, "Love is stronger than fear. I became pregnant due to rape, and I chose to love and raise my child."

Her testimony, "Hard Cases, Exceptional Choices," give us a window into the life of a woman who overcame a tragedy in her personal life in order to celebrate the life of a child given to her as a gift by God. The story tugs at our heartstrings, but is really only the beginning of her saga.

You see, <http://www.lifenews.com/2014/12/01/i-rejected-abortion-after-rape-then-the-rapist-sought-custody-of-my-child/> the man who raped Analyn was not convicted of rape and he subsequently sued for custody of his child. While this may be extremely difficult for anyone of right mind to believe, the truth is often stranger than fiction.

But Analyn is no ordinary victim of violence. She has chosen to fight back, because at the time the rapist came forward with his bizarre claim there was no state law in Florida to protect the rape victim in cases like this. She writes "I recall the judge asking if there was any law to prohibit this — even a federal law —and me replying: 'Not yet, but I am working on it.'"

The organization she founded, Hope after Rape Conception <http://hopeafterrapeconception.org> is committed to making sure that no rape victim is ever again confronted with the ugly truth that if a rapist is not found guilty of a crime, he can come after the very child who was created because of his violence against that child's mother. And this is where we come into the picture.

There is a bill that was introduced in the last Congress, US House bill is HR 2772 and the companion Senate Bill is S 2443 <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/113/hr2772> that addresses the problem head on. Right now, with a new congress in session, the first step is to get the bill introduced again.

Even though a law of this type is needed, the immediate question that comes to mind for many is: why should those of us who fight to protect the innocent from the violence of abortion be interested in working to get this bill passed?

For many years politicians have told us that the politically expedient thing to do is assure that abortions in cases of rape, incest and life of the mother are included in legislation. But such a position suggests the forgone conclusion that when a woman is violently assaulted by a rapist, her desire to get an abortion should pregnancy occur must be respected.

This argument is flawed to the bone. If a woman who is raped does become pregnant, we are dealing with two human beings, neither of whom is guilty of a crime and neither of whom should be killed because of the violence of a third party – the rapist.

It is therefore inconceivable that the very man who sexually assaulted his victim would then be permitted to legally work to acquire custody of the baby because he was not convicted of his crime.

This is why we are obligated to do all we can to fight for the rights of the mother in question and her baby. How could we do any less?

Analyn has written <http://www.lifenews.com/2014/12/01/i-rejected-abortion-after-rape-then-the-rape-victim-sought-custody-of-my-child/> “If pregnant rape victims know that their State protects them from the rapist having parental rights, they will be less likely to choose abortion. . . . Furthermore, it’s a prime opportunity for 100% pro-life legislators to show how much concern they have for pregnant rape victims — by protecting them from the rapist.”

The outrage that stories like Analyn’s evokes in my heart cannot be described in words. No rapist should ever be legitimately considered as the one deserving custody of a child he never intended to father. It goes without saying that when one is genuinely pro-life to the core one is obliged by God to defend all those victimized by the grizzly results of a culture of hedonism gone mad. Let’s do something positive to end rapist rights.

Please pray that the bill is reintroduced in Congress this week or next.

In the meantime you can talk about this because, as many of us know, the average American has no idea that a known rapist can actually use the legal system to fight for custody of a baby conceived in the aftermath of his vicious attack on that baby’s mother.

Spread the word about the magnificent, heroic work of [www.hopeafterrapeconception.org](http://www.hopeafterrapeconception.org) Hope After Rape Conception (HARC). Of note is the fact that pro-life leader Rebecca Kiessling <http://www.rebeccakiessling.com/PregnantByRape.html> , another rape victim, is on the HARC board as well.

Stay informed on the bill’s movement by signing up today for American Life League’s <http://www.all.org/act-now/> Pro-Life This Week.

*(See related story of 15 year old girl who was raped and faced the same problem as Analyn: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/this-15-year-old-girl-chose-life-after-she-was-raped-two-years-ago.-next-we> )*