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## **Letter: Abused orders**

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Protection from abuse orders were put in place to address a serious problem. Unfortunately, they have become a tool used by dishonest attorneys or vengeful spouses to extort money or seek revenge on hapless spouses.

By the thousands, Kansans are labeled "abusers" by those who have a vested interest in misrepresenting the truth. Unscrupulous attorneys shamelessly manipulate protection from abuse rules for financial gain while masquerading under the color of law.

Even more disturbing is that our judiciary will stand idly by as false claims of abuse are taken at face value. With a wink and a nod, the reputations of Kansans are being destroyed in a quasi-legal process with standards akin to the Salem witch hunts.

Why is this disgrace allowed to continue? Because most legislators are attorneys, guaranteeing themselves continued profits at the expense of honest folks in what has become a corrupt money making scam called "divorce."

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