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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Committee, FCA (REPS)  
**Subject:** Child Support Issues

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been referred to you by the Child Support Agency in relation to some comments I would like to make in relation to the Parliamentary Enquiry into the Child Support system.

I am the father of twin boys, born 10 years ago. I was not in any relationship with the mother, other than sexual, and she assured me she was on contraception during the times we became intimate. She subsequently fell pregnant and gave birth to the twins. The only time I have ever seen them was 10 years ago, 2 days after their birth.

Shortly after that the mother commenced action against me to pay for maternity expenses, which reached \$14,000. After that the mother disappeared and I had no contact with her at all until last year. In the ten years since their birth I have continued to pay child support.

Last year I was contacted by the mother with regard to signing passport applications for the children. Since then I have endeavoured to see my sons, but the mother is refusing. I am now instigating action in the Family Court.

When the mother contacted me last year she revealed she was working full-time, 4 days a week, and that she was in a relationship with a man who was supporting her and my sons. They own their own house.

I am presently a student on Austudy receiving \$300 per fortnight. From this \$20 per fortnight is subtracted for Child Support. I rent and can barely make ends meet.

My concern is this – I have never had contact with my sons, they are being supported very well by the mother and her partner but still I am having to pay child support. This is very upsetting considering my financial circumstances and the fact the mother is refusing to allow me contact with my sons. The whole situation seems completely unfair and one-sided in favour of the mother. She is laughing all the way to the bank.

I trust this sort of problem will be addressed by your enquiry. If you need further information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED]

Thankyou for considering my difficulty.

Yours sincerely,  
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