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Dear Ken Ticehurst,

Its not very often I put finger to keyboard, but I've heard about what you are doing and this is one subject I feel very strongly about.

First of all, YES, its time for a change, I have been separated for two & a half years; it has been a total nightmare, only worse because you are awake while this is happening. I have been treated like I am from another planet, I have three children, 12, 10 & 7, and my access is used against me continually as a weapon or form of control.

I could write a hundred stories about what has happened over that period, but I'm sure that's not what you want to hear. I would just like to say that children do have two parents, and YES I want to be a parent, I don't want to be the "second weekend babysitter" I want to be a Father, I want them to know me, know my family, know who their friends are, if there was true equality, a lot of Fathers would be happier, a lot of children would be happier, and in the end, society would be a lot happier.

I hope that there is a change, I love my children and they love me, so why is there a wall put between us?

Yours hopefully,

Derek James Stack