

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs	
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Dear Sirs,

Since our son separated from his wife approx 21/2 years ago, he has not been in a financial position to afford the private sector rent due to his high percentage of child support. He has been, and still is, living with us, his parents, in a former storage shed in our back yard. Our son cannot afford to contribute to the household (we have our other son & his 4 children living with us) and it saddens us to see him always depressed. The only bright light in his life is weekends when he sees his 4 children and spends his last few dollars on food for a picnic or such. As well as his high child support payments, his ex spouse, who is a employed school teacher, demands of him that he pays his daughters skating fees, which at one point were over \$400.00 in arrears, which our son paid on credit card so as not to disappoint his daughter. No credit from the CSA. As parents in our seventies, both my husband and I are saddened to see our son in such a hopeless position, and we are unable to help him. Even his work is suffering because of his sadness and circumstances. He would love to be able to afford a 2 bedroom flat and some furniture and again be independent of his parents.

Please do something about this unfair system because our other son, who has 4 children living with us, receives no child support from their mother, yet his brother who pays child support is living below the poverty line.

SIGNED.