

The House of Representatives  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my opinion regarding child custody.

I am a mother of three beautiful children. My two daughters aged 6 and 7 and a son of a different father whom I'm married to. My daughters father and I divorced 3 years ago. They live with me and my husband and see their father every second weekend and every alternate Monday afternoon. They also have phone contact in between, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  the school holidays.

I think this time is ample for them to see their father and I think if it was to be brought in that the system had  $\frac{1}{2}$  time with each parent it would be very unsettling for the children. After an access weekend with their father now it takes a ~~few~~ days or so to settle down, which is understandable but I think children need the stability of one main home after a separation. The poor things go through enough emotionally after a divorce. If they were to have  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  time they would feel as they were always living out of a suitcase.

Regards  
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