

Committee Secretary
Standing Committee on Family and Community Affairs
Child Custody Arrangements Inquiry
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Dear Committee Secretary

RE: CHILD CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS INQUIRY

I am appalled to by the suggestion that children should spend equal time with their parents.

My children do see their father (who lives in another state) occasionally and are comfortable with the arrangements. I know how hard it is to raise children on your own and how important it is for children to have contact with both parents and extended family. However I cannot fathom how it could possibly be in the best interest of a child to have to split their time evenly between both parents.

I am recently married and my children have a great relationship with my husband who loves them dearly. Surely it is better for the children to grow up in a stable home environment knowing the boundaries but also having a reasonable amount of contact with their father.

It seems as though interested parties need to put their own wants, needs and desires aside and start thinking about the effects and consequences of these types of arrangements on the children as they are the ones who need your protection and assistance the most.

Yours Sincerely

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