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To: **PARLIAMENT HOUSE**

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DAUGHTER - CLIENTS
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Attention: **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE ON
FAMILY + COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

Re: **RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY INTO: A LEGAL
PRESUMPTION OF JOINT RESIDENCE WITH IN FAMILY LAW.**

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I was molested when I was 8 right through to 9yrs. I'm now 13yrs old. My mother only found out on March 5th 2003. We started counselling but im not doing very well. Do you realise what this would do to me and all those other abused children. It was my brothers father that did it to me, what's to stop him from doing it to them. This should be done case by case. How can you let innocent children fall straight into the hands of criminals



After living in fear and hiding to keep myself and my three children safe, a legal presumption of joint Residence would mean handing over two beautiful little boys to the man (their father) who sexually abused their sister. How could this be healthy on any level for any child from a concerned parent.