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Mrs Kay Hull
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To Mrs Hull

I am writing to you regarding your newsletter regarding Child Support and sticking up for fathers.

It is pleasing to see somebody stand up for fathers. I myself am a father of a six year old son. His mother and I separated in December 2001. My ex-partner now has custody of my son and is living with another man. Both herself and her boyfriend are facing child abuse charges regarding my son.

I am currently paying around \$350 per month child support. I have rang Child Support on many occasions ,to see if they can tell me if the child support I pay is actually being spent on my son. On many occasions when I pick my son up he is wearing clothes that you would use for rags, he only owns one pair of shoes (runners) that he wears to school everyday of the week, they are also full of holes. I pay maintenance 52 weeks a year, however, I have my son [REDACTED] for half the school holidays and every second weekend. I also had him for all the school holidays in July this year as his mother had other plans, yet all the time I have him in my care I am still paying his mother maintenance.

You are fighting for the father to have equal time with his child/children,, What happens if the child does not want to go back to the other parent? My son cries regularly when I have to return him to his mother and boyfriend as he doesn't want to go back. What age does the child have to be to be able to make their own decision as to which parent they want to live with. I have been told by my Solicitor that I could be looking at \$20,000 + to go for full custody of [REDACTED] and still have no guarantees of winning the case. I am not

very financial, so don't think I could afford to pay \$20,000 on top of my child support payments.

If you would like to speak to me, my home phone no. is [REDACTED] or mobile ph [REDACTED] I can be contacted every Monday and Tuesday at home, or you may reply by mail to the above address. I would most like to hear your response to my letter.

Yours sincerely

