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SUBJECT: 50% access between couples that have separated

To Committee secretary

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Dear Committee Secretary

Over twelve months ago my wife [REDACTED] left me taking our three children with her. I was devastated when she started saying, I did not deserve to have the kids, or it was not convenient for her to let the kids go with me.

So for a long time I was trying to get her to agree so I could get access to my kids. In the end I had to take her to court to get proper access to my kids. I was very interested to hear about the 50% access proposal in the media.

Is this just a proposal or is it something that might happen because there are a lot of dads like me out in the community who did not know their rights or just left for the kids sake, which makes the kids think dad doesn't love them. Throughout the first week and months is important for the children to have contact with both parents. I'm not saying all mothers do this but if it was law they could not.

At this time I am preparing to go back to court to try to get 50% access to my kids. When I ask my wife if she wanted to talk about it with a counsellor she said (No - you've got to tell the kids what to do) which I just if the kids don't want to be with me they could say so.

I am going back to court to start paternity proceedings to find out if my kids are mine or not.

Due to my wife past behaviour, I have serious doubts if any or all the three children are my

So if the access law change, or if there is any way for me to help this cause I would be more than happy to