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To Committee Secretary  
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**Re: New Proposed Child Care/Support**

To Whom It May Concern

I wish to put forward to you my experience regarding my Child Care Arrangements.

My ex-husband and I have been separated for two (2) years now and in that time he has seen his kids four (4) times and has asked not to be contacted again and hangs up when I have tried to call him.

We now life in different towns, as I could see no point staying where I had no family support and my children's father did not want to see them. My children are aged 5 years, twin girls and a three years boy. If a new law comes in to practice, to give shared custody to both parents, I would not like to send my children to a place they are neither wanted nor when they don't really know the person.

I can understand some families were the father has the right to the children, if he his had contact with them, but not for families like mine. Not all families are the same and different cases will stand out. Families that have been separated for a while will be where the biggest problem lay.

As for my child support arrangements, for my ex-husband to throw myself and children out so his girlfriend could move in, I feel the arrangement is fine or in this case not working for my side of the story. I receive \$120/week from him to help support three children. This is lucky to covers their food let alone their schooling, clothing etc.

I would like to be kept up to date with any progress regarding this matter as is affects and worries my greatly.

Regards

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