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Committee Secretary  
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committees  
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Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing to express support for Family Law Legislation Amendment (Family Violence and other measures) Bill 2011.

I think the system is currently being abused by fathers seeking to punish their partners for leaving.

The young people I am describing are caught in an acrimonious separation where the father is trying to stop his partner returning to her family using the Family Law provision that she is not allowed to move away .

Can the review panel do anything to help young women who are caught up in punitive court actions by fathers who have issues about control, and try to use the court to get back some measure of control.

Their partners may have endured years of unreasonable or excessive control, but lack the life experience to know their rights or know how to assert themselves in negotiation.

Thank you for your attention in this matter,