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Dear Committee ,

I have been paying maintenance for nearly ten years now , and I have not seen any reduction in the percentage rate for paying parents !

Why is my assessment worked out on my gross wage and not my net wage ?

Why do I have to pay such a high penalty for decisions that I did not make ?

Don't get me wrong I have and always will support my daughter , but 18% is to high in my option and other people I speak to agree .

In my option if the rate was reduced by 4% to 6% the CSA case load would reduce dramatically and more paying parents would not throw away their jobs and also in the future when the people that have left their jobs because of child support, and come to retirement age and do not have sufficient funds to support themselves who pays for that ?

With a reduce of 6% you could scrap the 4% reduction for 109 nights whilst the child is in the payee care, in my option this would be a step in the right direction as far as freeing up some of the CSAs time and assisting the paying parent to get on with caring for the child instead of counting nights and arguing with the custodial parent .

Faithfully yours

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