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**CHILD SUPPORT GRIEVANCE POINTS**

Dear Sir,

I have indicated below some points for my grievance in regard to the manner in which Child support payments are affecting my life.

- The high percentage what the payee has to pay on their taxable income. It should be against the net income after tax.
- If they remarry it should be adjusted to a special amount to reflect the extra income that the other party would now obtain and in that way the payee is not disadvantaged.
- Money paid to the other party – this should be in two parts – the other party get a proportion and the rest goes into a trust account at the Child Support Agency till the child is of age (which presently is 18). If for some reason money is required from this account eg medical cost then the party must show some form of reasoning (eg Doctor/Hospital account) for the money to be released. It has to be a valid reason and pertaining to the child/children.
- As I am a [REDACTED], when I put my tax return in every year I get paid a reimbursement for travel, which is added to my taxable income. I have already paid out the expense and seems that I am being charged twice.
- The way the system is and the distance that my children live has added to the stress that I have been put under. I have nearly had three nervous breakdowns because of it and my doctors have tried to put me off work, but I have been fighting them. If this keeps going, I will have to give up work as my health is deteriorating. Due to the stress related problems I now have been diagnosed type 2 diabetic.
- I am tired of "begging Paul to pay Peter" so to speak. I have been borrowing money from friends and family to pay outstanding bills because of the money that I have to pay Child Support. Any increase in Child Support would place me in a position that I could not survive financially under my present circumstances. Given the fact my own medical bills will now escalate plus I do not possess a health care card to help me financially.
- There are many other payees that would be in a similar situation.
- I have submitted a claim to have my Child Support lowered due to my financial circumstances but not too much avail.

- My ex wife has remarried and her present husband is working and she is earning an income doing part time work, massaging plus a full time work.
  - Apart from paying the child support, I give my children whatever support I can and naturally there are birthdays and Christmas presents. My children rang the other day asking me for money because their mother said she couldn't afford to give them anything.
- Hopefully the above information may assist you in your efforts to help me. Could I please have a return reply to my letter?

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

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P.S Given the fact that my ex wife virtually has three incomes plus child support I cannot understand why she cannot give or support my children more. They often ring asking me for something. This would not only be happening to me. There would be many more payee in the same situation.

The system at times seems unfair as I have heard of some payee's don't pay anything as high as what I do. Why do some pay virtually nothing?

I have asked [REDACTED] on a number of occasions for an arrangement but she will not agree.