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To Whom It May Concern,

The recent article in the newspaper about propose changes in the state's child support system I feel is greatly overdue. I find it utterly unbelievable that as a father I can actually be put in the poor house while my ex-wife live a life of materialism. I understand that children need the support financially from their dads. What I don't understand is how the system basically cheats the children out of their emotional and mental supports. The systems put a price on the kids. Some father's ability to pay are not as good as others And the ones who are paying end up getting screwed so bad that you hope that it doesn't drive him insane. For instance, I've recently gotten divorce. We had three houses The court didn't award me not a one. Bare in mind that I have three kids that I would've like to see. That didn't even matter.

I guess they're punishing me for missing my original hearing. Which I was in default. There's several reasons why I missed but, no one's listening. So, you move on. Now I'm awaiting for my hearing with the friend of the courts. I've been paying my wife child support since August of 1999. At first, she would come over to my grandmother's and write me out rental receipts. I still have them. Sometimes she would just write that I pay her child support and sign and date it. Later, I started getting store money orders and then finally post office money orders. I would pay her and with the money I'd have left spend on me and the kids. So, in reality, I was doing for my kids but, with less. My divorce was official April 02. In January 03 Friend of the Courts started taking over $350.00 of my check. I was ordered to pay $244.00 for my three kids. For which as I stated earlier I was already paying. Now I find out that they're charging me

for years that I do not owe. They claim I'm $10,000 in the years. The court system has fail me. Not only did I get strip of my rights as a father but if it wasn't for my grandmother still living, I would be homeless. I should be able to have a part in raising my kids. How can I do that with $33 a wk. The child support system is unjust, unfair and totally inhumane. Since, my divorce I've seen my kids for less than what I would like because I don't have the money necessary to take them anywhere. Even if I just drove them too the park it would cost me mor than I can spend.

Sincerely
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