

Hello,

I'm writing to share my situation with you in the hope of influencing the State to not exclude the change of the child support formula as a valid change of circumstance to review child support, among other concerns.

I have been paying my ex-wife support for more than five years, \$1500 a month, and I'm over \$5000 in excess of the \$90,000 tally so far. This has not stopped my ex-wife from opening a case against me and accusing me of being \$6800 in arrears. I have been told by staff at the local CS office that all payments I have transferred to my ex wife prior to a calendar day of a particular month in question is considered a gift and if another payment was not made during the calendar month in question, than I was delinquent for that month. So if I made a transfer to my ex wife on the 30th of April 2014 with the intention of that transfer to cover child support for the month of May 2014, well that's just tough luck, even if this early payment was solicited. Again, this was a state employee who explained this to me. I can't imagine that a Court Master will allow this to stand but time will tell, but I feel this is important to mention to provide a picture of what we as good faith obligors may deal with. No wonder many obligors give up and stop working altogether.

Anyway, that's only partially my current situation. I have been following the Committee's work and I have even made the trip to Carson to give public comment. I have two children with my ex wife, joint custody, and I had a son with my girlfriend in January 2017, they live in my home. I have also obtained a legal guardianship of my girlfriend's daughter. It has become a burden to make the \$1500 payment to my ex wife as my family has grown. I am also pursuing an engineering degree online which increases that burden, but I don't want to remain in mining my whole life and I want to be able to have the option to leave the town I reside in when my daughters graduate. On top of that, my ex wife is an especially high conflict ex spouse. I know folks hear stories about ex-spouses all of the time and we chalk it up to routine frustration, this is not one of those complaints. My ex wife is incredibly malicious and meticulously plans attacks and disruptions. I have recently successfully fought an attempt at taking our girls away from me. The latest accusation of arrears is just the current attack I am experiencing, there will be another when this concludes. My ex wife faked the browsing history on our oldest daughter's phone in October of 2017 to make it appear as if our daughter, or possibly me, was viewing hardcore pornography while in my home. The genre of the pornography was exclusively of a stepdad/stepdaughter variety, my stepdaughter will be nine tomorrow. I will spare you the details of the constant smear campaign against me that she waged in our small town. This is all done with a motivation to obtain primary custody to protect her child support payments and it is much more common than I believe is realized by those with the power to help stop it.

As I mentioned prior, my son is almost two. My father has yet to meet his grandson and hasn't seen his granddaughters in 5 years. In fact, the last time my father visited my daughters was when they traveled to Houston Texas with my ex-inlaws, I was not present. My ex wife travels to see her family in Boise several times a year. She takes a cruise with her mother at least once every year along with a yearly week vacation to Seattle. Another yearly vacation in Tahoe, and she just recently returned from a week in Hollywood California where they visited Venice Beach and Universal Studios. I work as a maintenance tech at an underground mine and I gross a little over \$100,000 a year. My ex wife works sparingly as a nail tech and claims to make less than \$20,000

a year, she obviously doesn't report her cash transactions which is the norm for everyone in the service industry. Her choice of occupation was a calculated one, I know because her and her mother have told me so. The reasoning is simple, why should she work a regular 9-5 that pays say \$50k/year when she can set her own hours and have child support make up the difference? Even with the new formula, which is a very welcomed improvement, it's not enough to encourage her to achieve what she is capable of achieving, which is a major flaw in the system that was not addressed. The reality is that the system carries an incentive for one parent to exploit the other. Only people of exceptional character that are in position to take advantage will not do so, and most people by definition do not possess exceptional character. I can't help but wonder if this is lost on this Committee due to the participating members that it is made up of. I don't say this to butter up anyone, conversely, I don't say this to offend, but as a matter of opinion, this Committee is made up of exceptional people that can't imagine that people would behave in such a way with children involved no less, but they most certainly do. If you're a state Supreme Court Judge, or the District Attorney of Washoe County for example, you're an exceptional individual, your sense of duty and fairness is not the same as the average citizen, and I believe this to be a serious flaw in the makeup of this committee, meaning I believe the members underestimate the rampant abuse that takes place. I would have liked to have heard some discussion about developing a strategy to prevent these abuses from taking place for years and years, perhaps time limits on larger amounts of support where an obligee is clearly capable of earning more. I would have liked to have seen more done to deviate on behalf of "other" children. I didn't have a son to reduce child support, I had a son to be a father to a young boy so I could mold him into a man, hopefully with my values as the guiding force. It's baffling to me to hear concerns that men will have children to lower support and have absolutely no discussion or concerns presented about how this occurs on the other end.

Finally, the primary reason I am writing is to comment on the provision addressing the ability to apply for review, or rather the exclusion of the ability to apply for review on the basis that the formula has been changed. I can't stress enough how damaging and disappointing this will be. I'm staring at child support modification currently, and to be quite honest I am going to try and stall the process for as long as I can in hopes that the new guidelines pass in time, but it's beginning to look like my support order will be reviewed before these new guidelines are adopted. There's a good chance my support order will be even higher than I currently pay now. I've ran the numbers and the difference between the two formulas could be as much as \$1,000 a month. Again, I have my children half of the time. My ex wife works whenever she pleases and enjoys a higher standard of living than I do, but on paper it appears this isn't the case. I don't know what else to do. I feel like giving up, I feel at times this whole thing is by design. I wonder if anyone reading this has actually had to pay child support in a shared custody situation, or if they understand how malicious an ex spouse can be, and what affect this has on the quality of life for the rest of my family. And this Committee came along and gave me this feeling like we were going to finally catch a break, but instead I'm looking at getting locked into three more years of struggling to pay bills. I make over \$100,000 a year and I live paycheck to paycheck. Last year the mine I work for "revamped" our underground bonus incentive and I had to make the payments without any bonus for two months. I took out a loan on my mortgage to get through it instead of working a large amount of overtime. There's also nothing mentioned, ever, about the type of work each parent does. The health factor of my profession is ignored, the arsenic and mercury I breathe, or the stress involved with working rotating 12 hour shifts and an hour drive to the mine each way everyday. What sort

of challenges does an occupation like that create? What sort of reasonable expenses could we imagine in such a situation? All of this is surprisingly ignored.

Thank you for reading, I know how long I have went on, please understand that good parents are out there suffering and still doing their best. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Glen Baker