

I am a father of 2 and I am recently divorced. I never wanted to be divorced from my wife but you can't make someone stay if they don't love you anymore.

My divorce was civil, I sucked up a lot of sadness and anger for my sons and for the fact I will always love my wife. She is a wonderful mother and she was a great wife for our 18 year marriage.

I am writing this letter because the one thing that shocked me about this process was the child support. First let me say I will give my last breath for my sons and it's my responsibility to see they are cared for the way I would have if I were still married. I pay \$1800 a month for my two boys with 50/50 custody. I think this puts a unfair burden on me.

I work in the mining industry, I make good money working underground. My job always gave my wife the opportunity to stay at home and raise our sons, we both thought it was the right decision for our family. I am in a position where my child support is based on factors I can't control. I make a hazard bonus for each hour I am at work. I can't control this amount and it can be taken away at my employer's discretion. I make about 100k a year. My base wage is \$28 a hour my underground bonus runs from between \$12 to \$16 a hour.

I am expressing my displeasure at the child support laws because it's a unfair burden on good fathers. If a mother has full custody of the children then I whole heartedly agree with the law as is. I disagree when the custody is 50/50. I don't understand why the father bares the full burden of child support and providing medical insurance while having the custody of the same children the same amount of time as the mother. I'm my case I should be paying my wife \$900 a month.

I understand the need to protect and provide for children in our state. I also think if women want equality it shouldn't be when it's convenient. My wife left me because she said she didn't love me the way a wife should love a husban. I would have worked out the issues she had with me. I don't drink, smoke, I have never done drugs, I have been employed since I was 16 years old. I was a good provider and a good husban. Today things are too easy to throw away. A marriage is a a bond for life. I think by giving such generous awards away in the form of child support it makes the choice for a irresponsible decision easier on the party leaving. In my situation my lifestyle and the amount I have to work has changed drastically, my wife doesn't have to change a thing. I am gone up to 16 hours a day for work, my days off I have my sons. My wife has a fully funded 14 day a month vacation.

The laws in this state must be changed for 50/50 custody situations. If a parent has sole custody then I don't thing a change is necessary. Good men are being thrown away by women, it's time they learn the true sacrifice a real man makes for his family. The laws are unfair and in a 50/50 situation they must be fair to both parties involved not just the woman.