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Dear Mr. Hoy

RE: Our Biased and Corrupt Justice System

With thousands of Canadian marriages ending in divorce, children today have more parents than parents have children. How does the justice system combat this epidemic? The system inherently punishes the fathers for the ills of society.

I am a victim of the bias and corruption of our court system. I am a father who has only fought hard to maintain my rights to parent my children. I have tried to be a part of my children's lives throughout the whole process but unfortunately the justice system have beaten me down to the ground.

When my wife and I first separated, all I wanted was to be fair and to work together with my wife in a joint parenting plan. I wanted to be fair with my wife and I wanted to maintain my relationship with my children. It seems however, that once my wife's lawyer came into the picture that the whole process has been turned into a war against me and my children..

Just some of the things responsible for the destruction of my family include:

- At trial, Justice John Brockenshire was obviously bias and his judgement punitive and excessive.
- I spent over \$20,000 in legal fees just trying to maintain my role as father to my boys. My wife spent over \$29,000 keeping me from being a dad. Most of our families assets have been sucked up by the lawyers.
- My son has been denied the right to live with me even though he has expressed these wishes.
- The judge ignored the evidence relating to my income, my pension and the value of my household contents in order to give my former wife most of the remaining assets.
- This Judge stated that I was "dreaming" if I thought that I ever had any chance to have joint custody. In the end he awarded my former wife \$47,000 in court costs. It is money I just do not have.
- The judge made it seem like it was a bad thing to want to be a dad to your kids. He stated that I just wanted to be a "buddy" to my children.
- My former wife's lawyer is also preparing to force the sale of a summer business that I have operated for the last 18 years and which I need to rely on in retirement. My future income will be destroyed.

I have started an *appeal* of the divorce judgement against me but I have no money left to pay for justice to be served. To date, I have been represented by lawyers who were incompetent and only interested in how much money they could exact out of me. The drug and personal problems of my trial lawyer prevented me from having proper representation at trial, but then again justice shouldn't depend on who has the better lawyer.

I need to appeal my case on my own but in order to do so I need to purchase at great cost, the transcripts. How can I get justice in the appeal process if I can't even afford to order the trial transcripts? At 50 years of age, I am being made impoverished and destitute by this bias Judge

The lives of all those in our family have been destroyed by a bias judge and by a justice system that puts the destruction of fathers ahead of justice.

My family has been broken as a result of my wife's decision to commit adultery. What is worse than the breakup of our marriage is the destruction that has been done to my family by the lawyers and the court system. The justice system has robbed us of everything we once had.

I am convinced that if the courts would have ensured justice, ensured that the children were shared equally with no winner or loser, and assets divided equally, that the incentive to litigate would not be there and my children would be likely farther ahead today.

As it stands now, my children are devastated. Money we once had for their future education is gone. Everything is gone. The only ones that profited in this whole affair has been the lawyers and legal professionals. As a Canadian I am ashamed of our system of justice. Our legal system truly is a crime.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Dan Kennedy', written in a cursive style.