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Dear sir / madam

I ask you'll forgive me as I'm not very clued up on what is expected by contacting yourselves regarding this bill, however wish to speak out in support for it.

My situation is very complicated but below is a brief explanation.

I have recently come from an abusive marriage involving things such as verbal abuse, emotional and psychological abuse, coercive control & false allegations, including physical abuse. After many months of trying to reason with my wife ████████████████████████████████, she persistently attempted to force me to get the diagnosis changed in aid for her court case against social services to commit perjury for money.

After repeated ultimatums and threats were given over the children, marriage and home, I took recordings of this abuse and was advised by the mental health team and social services family intervention team to flee the home with child despite being refused an emergency residence order by the court as two previous solicitors did not use the evidence of coercive control as the court was not interested. Resulting in my abusive wife later getting a full residence order of our children, who still attempts to control me a year later to this day.

I have been through so much distress as a result of control and lost strong bonds with my children due to my wife's abuse and feel very let down by the legal system in identifying domestic abuse towards me mainly due to coercive control. I am a devoted father of ████████████████████ and have lost countless hours raising them from no fault of my own.

I would very much like to see law introduced that protects vulnerable people from coercive control and psychological abuse as I view it to be an extremely destructive form of abuse, more so than physical violence as the body can heal, however the mind and heart suffers invisible scars that also affect physical health.

This is a very brief explanation of my circumstances as this form of abuse is very difficult to identify and explain.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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