

**PE1513/C**

Anonymous Submission of 8 May 2014

Dear Sirs,

Following the recent presentation to the Public Petitions Committee on Fathers Parenting Rights, I write to support a change in the law.

If the mother knows the father of her child, it should be the law, that the father's name should be on the child's birth certificate unless there are specific circumstances set out in law where it is not in the child's interests for the father to be involved in the child's upbringing. If the father wishes to dispute the circumstances then he could take the case to court.

The current situation where the mother, for no reason, can refuse the father any parenting rights requiring the father to take court action is totally unjust and is not going to aid the building of a family unit for the future. Single parenting contributes to child poverty and can be rectified by Scotland's Government.

Scotland's future needs to be built on its people, where able, taking responsibility for their actions that includes both mothers and fathers.