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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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brothers and other family members.

I fought a losing battle in court. Now I am sentenced to life without contact with my daughter.

When I kept up the contact with my child, I was accused of being a stalker. That was the only way to see my child. I went to school functions, dance recitals, etc., just to see her.

When my daughter is old enough,

she will know the truth. I saved every document, all the returned mail, etc., to show her that I tried to be part of her life.

I have never been a criminal or in any kind of trouble. I lost my rights, and another man adopted my child. It could happen to anyone. This is the reason why I would like to urge others and people in my situation to support the National Congress for Fathers and Children.

It's time to get rid of the ancient laws, and for the judges to open their eyes. You can't turn back time to all the things that I have missed in my child's life.

I don't know how you judges live with yourselves, based on some of your decisions.

You may have taken my rights, as well as those of other fathers, but one thing you can't take away is that biologically we will always be fathers.

**Craig**  
Altoona

## Decisions wrong

I am writing in support of the National Congress of Fathers and Children.

A few years ago, I was railroaded out of my parental rights by a judge who thought he had the power to play God. Now because of that judge, my daughter will never know her sisters or

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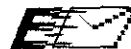
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