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Dear Committee members,

As a single man I must try to express my concern that single people could become eligible to adopt a child.

Firstly, most single people would rather have a partner. This means that they put a very high if not supreme priority on finding that special person to share their life with. Eventually, the partner would become more important to the adoptive parent than the child. That is quite appropriate but it does represent an inferior situation for the child to one where a couple has a stable relationship. Marriage is particularly preferable insofar as the couple have made a public commitment to stay together. That used to mean a lot more than it does today. Perhaps in the future "till death do us part" might mean what it says. Our laws and practices should not too time bound. What is right is right.

Secondly, from the point of view of the child, it knows to look to both adoptive parents from the outset. If a single person is chosen as the parent, there may be a succession of boyfriends or girlfriends which the child has to adjust to from the early stages of a relationship to the moving in stage. This is not a suitably stable arrangement.

In conclusion, children are not a right or an accessory for adults. Our adoption laws should be concerned primarily about the welfare of the child. Please use your power wisely.

Yours faithfully,

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