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<b>TO</b>	Lary Holland
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<b>FROM</b>	Lary Holland
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<b>RE</b>	rebuttal to GR Press

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### **COVER MESSAGE**

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Please find enclosed my communications to Chairman Roger Morgan and the reporter of the GR Press regarding the misleading statements that are being published about Title IV-D (Friend of the Court) welfare services.

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**July 23, 2006**

Honorable Peter Hoekstra  
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RE: MLIVE.COM – The Grand Rapids Press  
Cuts could crimp child support

Dear Honorable Peter Hoekstra,

Please find attached my correspondence to Chairman Roger Morgan in Kent County, Kent County Board of Commissioners. I think that you will find this information necessary in responding to the allegations that you are cutting programs to people that need them. The fact is, the Title IV-D program is being abused as a revenue generation tool instead of Aid to Needy Families.

I have included my correspondence to Chairman Roger Morgan, Communications to Dr. Wade Horn, and affiliated endorsements to my communication with Dr. Wade Horn. Although I am not directly in your district, I believe that this information is critical for bringing the true issue of Title IV-D not meeting the Congressional Intent of TANF Recovery.

Very Truly Yours,



Lary Holland

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July 20, 2006

Dr. Wade Horn  
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RE: Interim Final Regulation Implementing Next Phase of Welfare Reform

Dr. Wade Horn,

I have been leading a group of 7 researchers in Minnesota since the year 2000. This research team has remained active and we continue to meet almost weekly. These volunteers focus their effort strictly on the history of Title IV-D and the ideas and actions necessary to facilitate the **national Title IV-D reform** needed to put this **welfare service program** back in compliance with congressional intent and spare our families further damage.

The Title IV-D child support collection and enforcement organization is destroying families and children under the guise of "helping children" and "the best interest of children." However, whether intentional or an unintended consequence, the federal Title IV-D program is directly responsible for enforcing policies to the local agencies that drive fathers away and make it impossible for fit, loving, responsible fathers to continue to be involved in the lives of their children. For the sake of our children and generations of families and leaders to come, the Title IV-D program must be brought back into compliance with congressional intent, the constitution, and simple common sense. The Title IV-D program has grown so far out of scope that an endless number of constitutional violations occur every day in every state. Title IV-D was never intended to be a "welfare for the rich" program that ensured fatherlessness. This program provides incentive for mothers to have multiple children with multiple fathers and never marry them in order to gain a financial incentive, and it provides an incentive for even self-sustaining middle class women to divorce.

The Title IV-D program is out of control, to the extent and even worse than the IRS of years ago, before the IRS moved for a "kinder and gentler" organization that treated people with dignity and respect and basic reasonableness.

**I fully support the submission by Lary Holland in regard to the changes needed in the Title IV-D program.** Please take serious consideration to ensure the Title IV-D program is put back into compliance by providing the state and local IV-D agencies direction that the Title IV-D welfare services must be limited to those on welfare and those at risk of falling on welfare by being eligible for welfare if they don't get their child support. Our research indicates that no further legislation is needed to make this change, just change your agency implementation, to make IV-D consistent with federal intent. If the vague laws that have allowed the overreach of authority and unlawful expansion of the Title IV-D program to continue need to be clarified, I support clarification by Congress to **limit Title IV-D services to those on welfare (cost**

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**recovery) and those at risk of falling on welfare (cost avoidance) if they would qualify for welfare without their child support payment.**

There is **no need to continue to move people from self-reliance to dependence on government IV-D welfare services** when there is no financial need. All authority for Title IV-D is derived from the Social Security Act and we must no longer be providing a subsidized collection agency for *every divorce* and *every out-of-wedlock birth* for the middle class and even upper middle class. According to the improper direction from your office, the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court (and many wealthy individuals like her) qualified for Title IV-D welfare services, and would be provided services at taxpayer expense if she simply filled out an application and paid \$25.00. This erroneous and even unlawful application of Title IV-D services is wrong and must stop. We are looking for your leadership to make the common sense changes.

Sincerely,

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**VIA FAX  
AND FCM**

RE: Interim Final Regulation Implementing Next Phase of Welfare Reform

Dear Dr. Horn,

I applaud the recently announced changes resulting from the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 in the office's Interim Final Regulation Implementing Next Phase of Welfare Reform. In particular, strengthening State accountability is a step in the right direction as well as the clarifying work participation requirements for recipients of IV-A services. As you may be already aware there are numerous legislative attempts in Congress to repeal specific portions of the DRA of 2005 and also attempts to undo the State and Federal government from recovering expenditures made through IV-A.

It is imperative that similar work requirements, means testing, and eligibility restrictions be placed on Title IV-D services as are seen in Title IV-A as a precursor for individuals to receive benefits through State IV-D programs. Without similar eligibility restrictions, there is significant risk of undoing your progress that began with the National Fatherhood Initiative and Healthy Marriage projects, in addition to rising expenses to the U.S. tax payers.

Currently States are using the unrestricted Title IV-D services to **generate revenue** for growing State bureaucracies by padding the Title IV-D rolls. This revenue generation and increased participation numbers have taken the focus off providing an adequate safety-net for needy families and have placed an emphasis for the States to establish an absent parent despite instances of both parents being fit, willing, and able to care for their children. There is incentive being placed for courts to maintain that it is in the best interests of a child to have substantially limited contact with one of their parents to fit litigants into the Title IV-D model of custodial and non-custodial instead of two custodial parents. This is an unacceptable outcome of the program which is clearly demonstrated by the dramatic rise in forced participation numbers and sizable growth of State IV-D programs.

Legislatively, eligibility requirements should be uniform between Title IV-A and Title IV-D so there is no longer a rush for State IV-D programs to force individuals to

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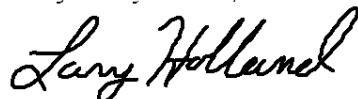
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participate in their IV-D programs unless they meet requirements and voluntarily request services. In addition to similar eligibility restrictions between IV-A and IV-D there should be a requirement of states to have a presumption of substantially similar parental rights and access to their children except in cases of Domestic Violence or clear and convincing evidentiary standards of immediate harm to children. These legislative changes would allow the Title IV-D agencies to focus on providing the necessary safety-net for identified needy families and relieving the burden of over participation that has been caused from the rush of States to increase their revenue from the program. A streamlined agency with focused defined goals would arise from these changes, saving tax-payers billions and strengthening the safety-net for needy families.

Administratively, each state should be denied any additional waivers for pass-thru child-support in addition to their Title IV-A welfare benefits. The Wisconsin demonstration project for passing-thru child support dramatically increases the expense to the federal government and U.S. taxpayers who now would be paying the States for both Title IV-A and Title IV-D without ever seeing any reimbursement. The States say the pass-thru is so successful because it allows the State to not have to pay back any money to the Federal Government, despite Title IV-D's intention to do exactly that. The purpose and intention of Title IV-D has been to recover expenditures made by State and Federal governments funding of Title IV-A block grants, not as an alternative income source and reward for having a broken home. To allow pass-thru waivers only adds additional incentive to drive up State participation numbers and encourage broken homes, thereby limiting a child's relationship with one of their parents in order to maintain the current Title IV-D model and despite both parents being fit, willing, and able to raise their children.

Reigning in the Title IV-D program is good for our tax-payers, good for our parents, and most of all... good for our children. I look forward to discussing this matter further with you.

Very Truly Yours,



Lary Holland

Cc: Secretary Henry Paulson *via fax*,  
Asst. Secretary Mark Warshawsky *via fax*,  
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Re: Interim Final Regulation Implementing Next Phase of  
Welfare Reform

Dear Dr. Horn,

I fully endorse the July 17 letter sent to you by Lary Holland  
in regard to the above-referenced subject and Title IV-D.

I believe the present law and its regulations are causing terrible  
injustices and costs that were never intended -- and must be remedied. I  
would be happy to discuss this with you if you wish.

Sincerely,

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