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## Arizona State Senate

Phoenix, Arizona

March 14, 1995

Mr. Bruce Reed, Deputy Assistant  
to the President for Domestic Policy  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Reed:

As I understand it, negotiations are presently going on between HHS and Arizona's DES about the welfare waiver request. You have received input from the Governor's office and the Republican leadership in our legislature, please give my remarks due consideration.

For me, the two major issues yet to be reconciled are:

1. The two year time limit, in any consecutive five year period, for AFDC recipients who are 18-62, with few exceptions, e.g., for persons who are disabled or full-time caretakers of disabled dependents;
2. Denial of AFDC cash assistance for children born after their parent or parents have been on AFDC more than 10 months or within 60 months after the parent has gone off AFDC if he or she should have to reapply for assistance.

I hope the White House will oppose approval of Arizona's harsh and punitive welfare reform plan. As a Democrat and a member of the Senate Family Services Committee which heard this legislation, I would strongly urge the Clinton Administration deny Arizona the requested waivers.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Hartley".

Senator Mary Hartley  
State Senator

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Office of the Bishop  
HOWARD E. WENNES

Mr. Bruce Reed, Deputy Assistant to the President  
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The White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Reed,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the leadership that you are providing in welfare reform. It is particularly critical at this time in the life of the state of Arizona, that we receive strong counsel and guidelines from the Department of Health and Human Services as we consider some serious deviations of past policies.

It appears to me that it would be punitive and sad if the State of Arizona was to implement some of the restrictions that they are currently considering regarding support for those with extreme needs. I agree with HHS in its counsel that it would be inappropriate to terminate assistance to Native Americans after 24 months, especially those who are living in some of the remote areas of this state.

Our state, over the years, has proven to be stubborn and insensitive when it comes to the poor in our midst. I hope that you will understand there are many of us who live in Arizona who are not supportive of DES' proposed alternates and severe limitations that are now being considered.

Thank you for listening to other voices which are not in support of some of the current proposals indicated in the DES proposals.

Sincerely,

Howard E. Wennes,  
Bishop

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