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MEMORANDUM FOR: BRUCE REED, DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT FOR DOMESTIC POLICY

FROM: NANCY MOHR KENNEDY *NMK*
VICE PRESIDENT, OFFICE OF
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

As you know, United Way of America and local United Ways have been actively involved in the formulation of the President's welfare reform effort through participation in the Working Group on Welfare Reform, Family Support and Independence.

I thought you would be interested in the statement released today from the President of United Way of America, Elaine L. Chao. We look forward to working with the Administration.



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**Statement by
Elaine L. Chao
President and CEO**

The Clinton Administration's welfare reform proposal, *The Work and Responsibility Act of 1994*, brings an important issue to the national debate, and we applaud the proposal's overall objective of helping people achieve self-sufficiency -- a goal that is consistent with the United Way system's mission.

We look forward to continuing the dialogue with the Administration to bring about meaningful progress in reforming the welfare system. We are pleased that our voice was heard on the critical need of funds for child care for the working poor, and are especially encouraged by the emphasis placed on family -- allowing two-parent participation and enforcement of responsibility of non-present fathers. Moving people from welfare to long-term work has been one of the United Way's hallmark initiatives because we know the positive effects of secure employment on both the family and the community.

Again, we applaud the President's efforts and anticipate working closely with the Administration in helping to make a welfare-to-work plan a reality.

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