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June 13, 1994

President William J. Clinton
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Dear President Clinton:

As you prepare to formally release your Welfare Reform plan, we are writing to you on behalf of the 100,000 members of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) in order to express our concern. In particular, we believe that your plans to include a family cap provision will only add more strife to the already impoverished families of our country. Such a plan would punish innocent children and their siblings in families struggling to stretch meager resources just to provide the necessities for their children.

Child Exclusion, or family cap, provisions do not take into account the many reasons why mothers and their children are struggling with poverty. Many more mothers than fathers are left abandoned with the burden of caring for their children without a job. The feminization of poverty is becoming more widespread, and it is not something which can be ignored. Quite often, mothers simply want to ensure that they care for their children properly, and therefore, choose not to work. These mothers are trying to prevent the cycle of poverty from continuing, but they need your help. The Child Exclusion provisions will contribute to the cycle of poverty, as more and more children will be born into families without enough money to provide adequate food, clothing, and housing.

Furthermore, it has been repeatedly shown that mothers have children for many different reasons. The small gain in welfare benefits which mothers would realize by having additional children is not an incentive to increase their family size. In fact, NCJW believes that denying families additional benefits for children born while the family is on welfare is counterproductive.

We urge you not include the Child Exclusion provision in your welfare reform package, as it would contradict the goal of "ending welfare as we know it."

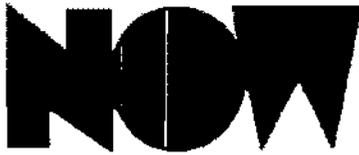
The Child Exclusion provision would hamper the ability of our younger generation to grow up in a healthy environment. Welfare families need resources in order to move out of poverty. A child exclusion provision cuts these necessary resources. As an organization that cares about women's issues, family unity, and the well-being of children, NCJW urges you to reconsider this element of your Welfare Reform package.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Katz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Katz
National President



Legal Defense and Education Fund

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To: Bruce Reed

Date: 6-9-94

From: NOW LDEF WDC

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To: Key Presidential Advisors
From: NOW Legal Defense & Education Fund
Re: Child Exclusion/"Family Cap" proposal

We beseech you to drop the child exclusion/family cap "state option" from your upcoming welfare reform proposals. We know that it is not enough for NOW LDEF to say that this proposal is both illegal and immoral. Therefore, we hope that you will consider the enclosed list of national organizations who simply believe that the provision is ANTI-CHILD. President Clinton is not anti-children nor are the citizens of this nation. Please find another way - the real way - to help poor mothers learn responsibility and support their families. Forcing their babies further into poverty is not the answer, nor should forced sterilization or abortion be the option for their moms as they struggle for economic survival.

American women must have reproductive choice, with choice as the operative word. With education, training and adequate income, women defer their childbearing without government interference.

There is Congressional opposition to child exclusion, from both parties and on the right as well as the left. It will not save money. It will hurt poor babies and will only extend the time it takes for poor mothers to climb out of poverty and become productive workers. Announce that you are looking at "family caps" in the states where waivers have been granted and that you will await the results - which is, after all, the reason waivers are granted.

Please don't make this a fight. No matter who "wins," poor babies will lose.

6-3-94

Bruce Reed
Deputy Ass't to the President
for Domestic Policy
Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, DC. 20500

Dear Mr. Reed:

Please do not take child care subsidy
money from low-income working parents
to pay for child care for welfare.

This will just cause the low-income
people to go on welfare.

Please accept the recommendations
of the Task Force experts - make
working pay more than not working.
Both welfare and working families
need help with child care.

Rep. Lynn Woolsey has a plan that
could work and get the job done.

Sincerely,

Julia Cato # F
2471 Jefferson
Berkeley, CA 94703

June 3, 1994

James Reed

Deputy Asst. to the President

for Domestic Policy

Old Executive Office Bldg.

Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. Reed:

As a low-income single parent who

works for Hoover, my (Married) counterpart

of local childcare information & referral

agency, I do feel qualified to let you

know that your plan - in theory a

good one - to fund child care to help

mothers get off welfare - really means

the most. As I understand it, your plan

would take money from subsidized child

care program to provide child care to

help moms get off welfare ...

Have you mailed the grant, or have I?

It does amount like "nothing" relative to

pay Reed. " It also amounts like a

drive away to get more - not fewer -

people on welfare, minus working

mothers who have subsidized care well

undoubtedly be forced to stop working.

On the other hand, you have at your disposal a task force of experts, led by Rep. Levine Woolsey of Calif., who have a truly remarkable proposal. Why don't you pay attention to them?

R. Slanger

Rhoda Slanger
1207 Talbot Ave
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cc: President Clinton

June 9, 1994

President William J. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

As national, state and local organizations, we are united in our efforts to promote the health and welfare of America's families. We have been following the current welfare reform debate, and we are writing to express our concern about the harmful impact of the CHILD EXCLUSION proposal contained in the Administration's most recent draft plan (Possible Elements in the Welfare Reform Proposals, March 22, 1994, at p. 13). These provisions, similar to ones already adopted on an experimental basis in several states, deny AFDC benefits to any child conceived and born after the family enrolls in the AFDC program.

Our principal concern is that child exclusion plans hurt the children of already impoverished families. By completely cutting off benefits for any child conceived while a family is on AFDC, the administration will punish innocent children and their siblings in families struggling to stretch meager resources just to provide the necessities for their children.

Second, years of social science scholarship, some of it authored by high-ranking officials in your own administration, make it clear that people make childbearing decisions for complex and varied reasons. The promise of a tiny incremental gain in welfare benefits is not an inducement to have additional children. In fact, the increased costs of another child are not nearly offset by the additional benefits.

Third, the Administration's support for child exclusion plans contravenes all of your other policies and legislative initiatives to promote "healthy children, healthy families." We applaud your advocacy of increased funding for Head Start and the Women, Infants and Children program, to name just two. However, proposing this particular welfare "reform" of excluding poor infants from basic subsistence coverage while supporting other programs for children is, at best, counter-productive.

Finally, any short-term fiscal saving to be gained from the exclusion of children from the welfare program will be more than outpaced by the long-term social costs of further impoverishing children and families already in distress.

When you ran for President, you promised to be a champion for America's children. We urge you to provide that leadership now by eliminating the child exclusion from your Administration's welfare reform plan. Lest there be any misunderstanding, we believe that proposing a child exclusion as a "state option" is not an acceptable compromise. We view a state option as an open invitation to the states to deprive children of subsistence benefits. This approach is not a compromise, but rather a failure of the Administration's promise to America's children.

We would be happy to work with you to fulfill that promise. Toward that end, a delegation of our organizations hereby requests a meeting with you, Mr. President. Thank you for your swift attention to our request and to the matter of child exclusion.

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June 13, 1994

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Re: Welfare Reform and Child Exclusion Provisions

Dear President Clinton,

The California Women's Law Center opposes the child exclusion proposal included in the Administration's most recent draft plan for welfare reform. These provisions are similar to family cap plans adopted by several states on an experimental basis.

We are deeply concerned that child exclusion plans hurt the children of families that are already impoverished. By denying benefits to children conceived after their families are on AFDC, the Administration will punish the children and their siblings. Currently AFDC benefits in California do not meet the cost of living. For example, the median rent in Los Angeles County is \$623 per month while the AFDC grant for a family of three is \$607.

The child exclusion policy is based on a misconception that women simply have additional children to increase their welfare grants. Social science research has found that, whether on welfare or not, women decide to have children for a variety of complex reasons. In any case, a cost-benefit analysis would not point to having additional children in order to increase the family's AFDC grant. Continued reliance upon such a simplistic model perpetuates stereotypes about women, welfare and decisions on childbearing.

Any short term savings from excluding children from AFDC will be negated by increased long term social costs of impoverishing children and their families further. The effects of excluding children will also defeat the benefits of programs such as Head Start and Women, Infants and Children. It does not make any sense to deprive children on a very fundamental subsistence level while trying to improve their lives through such beneficial programs.

Allowing states to use waivers from the AFDC plan in order to implement child exclusions and other experiments is not welfare reform. These welfare experiments are a means of implementing cost cutting measures while escaping from social and political responsibility for each state's economic condition.

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Letter to President William J. Clinton
Re: Welfare Reform and Child Exclusion Provisions
June 13, 1994

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We would be happy to provide you with any information you may need regarding child exclusion and other welfare reform issues. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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DATE June 13, 1994
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MEMO

To: President William J. Clinton
 From: Sisters of Mercy of the Americas *J. Patricia McCon*
 Re: Opposition to the Child Exclusion Proposal in Welfare Reform
 Date: June 13, 1994

We want to register our concern about the harmful impact of the Child Exclusion proposal in the administration's proposal for welfare reform. We oppose having a child exclusion option in either federal or state welfare reform proposals.

Our principal concern is that child exclusion plans hurt the children of already impoverished families. By cutting off benefits for any child conceived while a mother in an AFDC society punishes innocent children by condemning them to be another generation caught in the cycle of poverty.

We support the need for welfare reform in our society, but believe that fiscal saving to achieve that goal ought not to ride on the backs of helpless children. We urge the President and administration to fulfill your pledge to promote "healthy children, healthy families." We commend your support for Head Start, WIC, immunization programs, and health care reform.

The Sisters of Mercy number 6,500 women who work in education, health care and social service ministry.

May 25, 1994

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept the recommendation of your Task Force of nationally recognized welfare experts, who have told you child care assistance is desperately needed to "end welfare as we know it" and "to make work pay." The scaled back version of the welfare-reform plan means that many working-poor families, playing by the rules, trying to stay off welfare, but unable to get adequate child care, will slip onto the welfare rolls. Unless families get the child care assistance they need, we will put more children at risk. Please base the welfare reform plan on good policy, not politics.

NAME: Holly Kubek

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OCCUPATION: owner/administrator child care center

over for additional comments. →

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OCCUPATION: Executive Director
Child Care Resource + Referral

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NAME:

Cindy Rommel

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Early Childhood Coordinator

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NAME: Eva Faye Benedict YMCA
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OCCUPATION: Assistant Child Care Director

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NAME:

Jill Kellner

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OCCUPATION:

Child Care Director

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NAME: Barbara Ratajczyk

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OCCUPATION: Asst. Administrator

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Washington, DC 20500

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NAME: Victoria Jean Schwartz

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OCCUPATION: Educational Program Director / Head Preschool Teacher

Thank you for helping children
with quality care for at risk
families in Title 4A. I'm trusting
this to be specifically channeled
to American citizens.

a toddler teacher,
Sandy B.

May 27, 1994

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500
ATTENTION: Bruce Reed

Dear President Clinton,

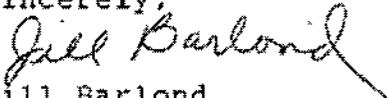
I am writing you as a concerned mother and grandmother. My concern centers around the possibility of a loss of child care monies for the working poor. I appeal to you to include the entire five billion dollars over the next five years to improve child care for those needing some assistance.

My daughter is one of the working poor who proudly works to support her family when she could choose the easier path of going on public assistance and staying at home with her two young children. Child care assistance has made the difference between surviving or perishing for this young family.

I do not argue that Welfare Reform is needed. My fear is that in our fervor in this matter, that we may be "throwing the baby out with the bathwater". Let us move carefully and with great caution in matters effecting the backbone of our society-- families.

These families need safe, supportive child care that will help to nurture and guide the next generation of Americans. It is time that we invest in our most precious natural resource-- children and those who care for them.

Sincerely,



Jill Barlund
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Agda Burchard
23719-1351 N PISE
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Dear Mr. Reid,

I work on a child care referral line for parents seeking child care in King County, Washington. Many families call who qualify for child care subsidies from the state or city/county and need those subsidies to afford child care. However both of those subsidy programs have waiting lists of over two years.

These families, the working poor, need assistance paying for child care, and if they don't receive it there's a good chance they'll slip back onto the welfare rolls.

It is crucial that child care funding is not scaled back as part of welfare reform.

Sincerely,
Agda Burchard



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May 25, 1994

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House -- ATTN: Bruce Reed
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear President Clinton,

As the nation faces the challenge of reforming the welfare system, it is important not to forget all of those the system was meant to serve. Those on welfare and the low-income working are both in need of the assistance offered through welfare and various other support services.

Included in these services is safe, supportive child care. However, low-income working families and welfare families should not have to fight over who receives this service. It is imperative to include, in the welfare reform plan, five billion additional dollars over five years for child care for the working poor.

Children should not be hurt in any attempt to reform the welfare system. Only by securing their safety and well-being today, can we offer them a brighter tomorrow, filled with opportunities for success.

Sincerely,

Paul N. Shaheen



Michigan League for Human Services

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May 26, 1994

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House - ATTN: Bruce Reed
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

As President/CEO of the Michigan League for Human Services, I am writing to encourage the retention of the five billion additional child care dollars for working poor families which was included in the original welfare reform proposal.

The Michigan League for Human Services is a statewide citizens organization dedicated to the provision of adequate human services for Michigan's citizens, particularly for its most vulnerable populations. The League has represented these interests since 1912 and has regularly offered observations and recommendations for improving public services for those in need.

According to the *KIDS COUNT in Michigan's* 1993 publication, *Child Care and Early Childhood Education*,

the average cost of care for just one child in full-time care exceeds \$4,400 per year, representing 9 percent of mean family income for married couple families, and 29 percent of mean income for female-headed, single parent families. A single parent working full-time at the minimum wage would need to commit approximately 50 percent of gross income to care for just one child. Many families with young children who are just beginning their careers or work life are finding child care costs burdensome. Many others have been forced out of the labor market.

As you are well aware, *all* families, including low income working families and those receiving public assistance need the option of safe, supportive care for their children provided outside the home. We would contend that adequately funded child care, in addition to other available supportive services (including the Earned Income Credit expanded by your administration) constitutes a welfare *prevention* strategy, important to any discussion on welfare reform.

In this light, we would encourage you to retain the \$5 billion in child care funding targeted toward the working poor and continue to expand such services for current welfare recipients as well, without forcing the two populations to compete for the child care support which they both so desperately need.

If you have further questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact myself or Michele Robotham at 517/487-5436.

Sincerely,

Ann Marston
President/CEO

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Mr. Bruce Reed
Deputy Assistant to the
President of Domestic Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Room 218
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Reed:

I am a child-care worker and I am
concerned about this.

True welfare reform must provide at least \$5 billion
of new child care assistance so that low-income
families are not forced to go back on welfare.

There is not enough assistance now for the working
poor. There is no way that families moving off
welfare can remain independent without a significant
increase in child care funds.

Respectfully yours
Claudia Hale

— 32546 Senthilade
Franklin, Mich. 48025
May 25, 1994

President William Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing because I am
deeply concerned about the proposed
Child Care funding for the working
poor.

I think it essential that we
maintain the \$5 billion which has
been earmarked for Child Care funding
of the working poor. This money is
needed both by low income working
families and welfare families. At
this time, our country must
adequately take care of poor children.

Sincerely,

Hermaire Sabra



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President Bill Clinton
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May 24, 1994

Dear President Clinton,

I am the Coordinator of a program for high risk children and families that operates out of Family Resource Centers in four elementary school buildings in Des Moines, Iowa. Every day I see the effects of the lack of affordable child care for parents who are employed. It is imperative that the welfare reform proposal include sufficient child care assistance for working poor families. The nationally recognized welfare experts on your Task Force have recommended that child care assistance in essential to "end welfare as we know it" and "to make work pay". The scaled back version of the welfare reform plan means that many working poor families, playing by the rules, trying to stay off welfare but unable to get adequate child care, will slip onto the welfare rolls.

True welfare reform must provide at least \$5 billion of new child care assistance to working poor families so that low-income families do not have to go on welfare to get child care assistance.

Given the limited amount of child care assistance for the working poor, there is no way that families moving off welfare can remain independent without a significant increase in child care funds.

Sincerely,
Margaret Jensen Connet
Margaret Jensen Connet
Way To Grow Coordinator



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Migration and Refugee Resettlement Department

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June 1, 1994

Mr. Bruce N. Reed,
Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
The White House
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1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Reed:

I urge you to oppose financing welfare reform by denying or further postponing benefits to legal immigrants brought into the United States by U.S. citizens. It is neither just nor moral to fund welfare reform by assisting one vulnerable person at the expense of another.

I am especially concerned that Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI and other benefits could be denied to legal immigrants. To deny or further postpone eligibility for Medicaid to impoverished legal immigrants would be outrageous. Denying Medicaid could result in broken hips not being replaced, deaths from preventable heart attacks and strokes, and other health care horrors.

The Food Stamp program serves primarily women, children and the elderly. It is wrong to deny such a basic human necessity as food to those in need who are here legally.

SSI provides a safety net for very old and sick or disabled people whose children and grandchildren are taxpayers and citizens. Why should their parents and grandparents be marginalized? These family members left their belongings and homelands to be with their children and grandchildren.



The parents of citizens -- spouses and children of both citizens and legal residents -- could become such a serious financial liability because of a disability or major medical problem that the only choice, other than permanent separation, would be poverty. Family reunification, the cornerstone of U.S. immigration policy, becomes a hollow goal if severe financial penalties are imposed on reunited families.

The United States has been enriched by the cultural and economic contributions of immigrants. Congress and the Administration should seek alternative funding that will enable poor families to overcome poverty and provide support to those in need.

Sincerely,



Lorraine M. Knight
Administrator

jmcg

Ronetta J. Giese
1616 Nakomis Ave.
LaCrosse, WI 54603

May 23, 1994

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

I am an administrator of a day care center which is licensed for 73 children at one site and 50 children at a school age program. I have worked in one capacity or another at this facility for 20 years. I have served as business administrator for the past 12 years.

In that time I have seen families work their way off of welfare with the help of child care programs offered through the (CCDBG) Child Care Development Block Grant monies. It is indeed very gratifying to see the success stories.

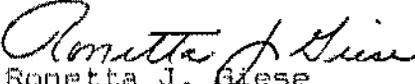
I heartily endorse welfare reform programs with the goal of "ending welfare as we know it today". As you know, Wisconsin's Governor Thompson is trying a new approach with a 2 county pilot which guarantees child care to all welfare recipients in the test area. Any effort to reform welfare through education of the recipients will create a major demand for child care. The waiting list for subsidized child care in Wisconsin is approximately 20 Million dollars. In order to fund only those families we would need to see increased funding of \$20 Million per year. That does not include the countless families not on the waiting list or those who have given up.

Families who have worked their way off of AFDC often find they are in a new situation. We classify them as "at risk". These families hold low income jobs, have become partially independent and still need help in paying for child care. In Wisconsin we have seen that a family on AFDC costs the state quite a bit more money than a family earning money at a low income job who receives child care and medical assistance.

I have also seen that people who have gone through training programs and are in the transition period of not earning enough to pay for child care and do not receive assistance, often quit their jobs and return to AFDC, not because it is easier, or that they are lazy, but that they cannot afford to work.

Please accept the recommendation of your Task Force who have told you child care assistance is desperately needed to "end welfare as we know it" and "to make work pay." Unless families get the child care assistance they need, more children will be placed at risk.

Respectfully yours,


Ronetta J. Giese

cc: Bruce Reed

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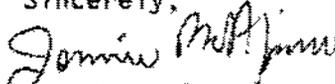
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President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House - ATTN: Bruce Reed
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I understand that a significant portion of the child care support allocation in the welfare reform package is in jeopardy. Please be aware that this support is vital to the success of any welfare plan that includes work outside the home. If parents do not have access to safe, affordable child care, one of two things will happen: 1) parents will not participate successfully in the job program or 2) children will be left in unsafe environments. Neither of these will serve the future of this country well. Please take another look at the amount of child care support in the welfare reform plan - full funding this portion of the plan is absolutely necessary if we are to truly "change welfare as we know it".

Sincerely,


Jennie McAlpine
Director

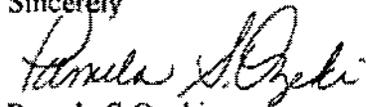
President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500
May 20, 1994

Dear Mr. President,

As you are, I am concerned about welfare reform. Reform is much needed and our task is a difficult one. I work for an agency that assists parents of all incomes and cultural backgrounds - including new immigrants and visiting Foreign students-locate Childcare. Part of our agency works with those families currently on welfare and receiving help in paying daycare costs. However, I talk daily to the public at large, including many of our working poor families. I am greatly concerned that with the limited amount of child care assistance for the working poor families, there will be no way they can maintain independence. It will be self-defeating to attempt to help our families "get off welfare" ,if we force another sector to "go onto welfare". It is unfair to those Americans who are desperately trying to follow the rules

Thank you for taking the time to read of my concerns.

Sincerely



Pamela S. Ozcki
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Copy: Mr. Bruce Led...

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*Clarice J. McGinnis-Tolbert
Director*

805 780 8318

May 23, 1994

President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Clinton;

I am writing to ask that you include enough money in your welfare reform plan for child care for the working poor. Please include at least \$5 billion of new child care assistance so that low-income parents will not be forced to go on welfare. There is no way families moving off of welfare can remain independent without a significant increase in child care funds.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Clarice J. McGinnis-Tolbert

Copy to Mr. Bruce Reed
Deputy Asst. to the President for Domestic Policy

May 23

Dear Mr. Bruce Reed,

It is imperative that the welfare reform proposal include sufficient child care assistance for working poor families. Please accept the recommendations of the nationally recognized welfare experts on your Task Force, who have told you child care assistance is essential to "end welfare as we know it" and "to make work pay." The scaled back version of the welfare plan means that many working poor families, playing by the rules, trying to stay off welfare, but unable to get adequate child care, will slip onto the welfare rolls.

Sincerely yours,
Susan A. Higgins
Parent Counselor
United Child Care
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Diamond Beach, Fl. 32174

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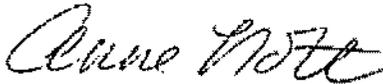
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Sincerely,



Anne Nott
Resource and Referral Specialist

May 23, 1994

President William J. Clinton
The White House - - ATTN: Bruce Reed
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

I am deeply disturbed about information that in your Administration proposal concerning welfare reform you are considering reducing the amount to be budgeted for child care for the working poor. Low-income families, along with those on welfare, need to have safe, supportive child care. Both groups desperately need assistance in providing and paying for the quality child care that must exist for their children whether they are currently low-income working parents or parents in the process of getting off welfare. We, as a society, desperately need for these children to have this kind of care/this kind of start in life, also.

Please do not make the working poor compete with current welfare recipients for child care support - retain the \$5 billion in child care funding originally proposed.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Mary Vermeer
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May 23, 1994

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House - Attn: Bruce Reed
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Child Care Funding for the Working Poor

Dear President Clinton:

We must retain the \$5 billion in child care funding for the working poor.

I feel that this child care funding, along with universal health care, is the number one way to keep our families off welfare. The families that I work with do want to support themselves, but many of our jobs in this rural area are service jobs that pay minimum wage, and without these extra supports, the families are better off on welfare.

Sincerely,

Gloria Halligan, RN
Early On Coordinator

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Community Mental Health-Northern & Northeast; Northern Michigan Hospital; Otsego Memorial Hospital; Community Memorial Hospital;
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Ms. Flora Burke
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Ann Arbor, MI.
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President William J. Clinton
The White House Attn: Bruce Loefer
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC. 20500

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Dear President Clinton:

Please, retain the \$5 in child care
funding for the working poor. It would
be next to impossible for low income
parents to get off welfare without safer,
surviving child care with a learning
environment. I've supported many of
the key democratic initiatives, and I thought
this deserves to give serious thought. Flora Burke
MI 483-471-3853 (W) 313-961-6040.

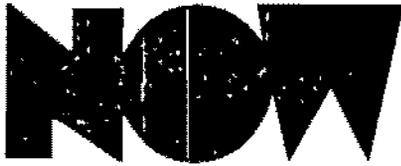
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Sincerely,



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The attached letter opposing the Child Exclusion's inclusion in the Administration's welfare reform plan was originally sent to President Clinton on April 15. A number of groups have joined since then. To date, over 80 national, state and local organizations have joined us in opposing this measure which will hurt poor children.

May 23, 1994

President William J. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

As national, state and local organizations, we are united in our efforts to promote the health and welfare of America's families. We have been following the current welfare reform debate, and we are writing to express our concern about the **harmful impact of the CHILD EXCLUSION proposal** contained in the Administration's most recent draft plan (Possible Elements in the Welfare Reform Proposals, March 22, 1994, at p. 13). These provisions, similar to ones already adopted on an experimental basis in several states, deny AFDC benefits to any child conceived and born after the family enrolls in the AFDC program.

Our principal concern is that child exclusion plans hurt the children of already impoverished families. By completely cutting off benefits for any child conceived while a family is on AFDC, the administration will punish innocent children and their siblings in families struggling to stretch meager resources just to provide the necessities for their children.

Second, years of social science scholarship, some of it authored by high-ranking officials in your own administration, make it clear that people make childbearing decisions for complex and varied reasons. The promise of a tiny incremental gain in welfare benefits is not an inducement to have additional children. In fact, the increased costs of another child are not nearly offset by the additional benefits.

Third, the Administration's support for child exclusion plans contravenes all of your other policies and legislative initiatives to promote "healthy children, healthy families." We applaud your advocacy of increased funding for Head Start and the Women, Infants and Children program, to name just two. However, proposing this particular welfare "reform" of excluding poor infants from basic subsistence coverage while supporting other programs for children is, at best, counter-productive.

Finally, any short-term fiscal saving to be gained from the exclusion of children from the welfare program will be more than outpaced by the long-term social costs of further impoverishing children and families already in distress.

When you ran for President, you promised to be a champion for America's children. We urge you to provide that leadership now by eliminating the child exclusion from your Administration's welfare reform plan. Lest there be any misunderstanding, we believe that proposing a child exclusion as a "state option" is not an acceptable compromise. We view a state option as an open invitation to the states to deprive children of subsistence benefits. This approach is not a compromise, but rather a failure of the Administration's promise to America's children.

We would be happy to work with you to fulfill that promise. Toward that end, a delegation of our organizations hereby requests a meeting with you, Mr. President. Thank you for your swift attention to our request and to the matter of child exclusion.

cc: The Honorable Donna Shalala
Alexis Herman
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*President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House -- Attn: Bruce Reed
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500*

Dear President Clinton:

My personal and professional experiences have taught me that low-income working families and welfare families need safe, supportive child care. Please do not make the working poor compete with current welfare recipients for child care support.

I implore you to retain the \$5 billion in child care funding for the working poor.

Sincerely,

*Laureen Kennedy
Executive Director*



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of the U.P.

May 18, 1994

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House - Attn: Bruce Reed
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

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Please retain the \$5 billion in child care funding for the working poor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan E. Wirtanen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Susan E. Wirtanen
4C Director

Mr. Bruce Reed
Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
Old Executive Office Bldg. Room 218
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Reed,

I have worked in the child care delivery system for approximately 15 years. I have been a pre-school teacher, a counselor for incarcerated adolescents, an owner and director of a child care center, a trainer of welfare recipients interested in becoming a child care teacher in a federally funded job training program, and I currently act as a coordinator in a department of a child care resource and referral agency which assists parents in finding child care.

Due to the diverse positions I have held in the industry, I have seen the effects of quality child care. I have seen children blossom and grow strong and independent in a nurturing environment. I have also seen the detrimental effects of haphazard, punitive child care.

I have seen women gain a sense of positive self worth for the first time in their life because they completed a training program and secured a position as a child care provider. However they then discovered that they could not afford quality child care for their own children because they were now among the "working poor".

Everyday my staff members talk to parents who are in the same situation. They are not and do not want to be on welfare. They work and/or go to school to better their lives and the lives of their children. But they are unable to find acceptable care arrangements for their children that they can afford. The waiting lists for child care subsidy in the Louisville, Kentucky area has thousands of families on it, so many that names are no longer being added to it since the children needing care will be in school before their needs could be addressed.

Please do not cut child care funding for welfare recipients and the working poor. It is imperative that the welfare proposal include sufficient child care assistance for these families.

As you are aware, research shows that for every \$1 spent on quality child care for children in high risk categories there is a \$7 saving. Where else can you get that kind of return on an investment. What could be a more important resource in which to invest than our country's future - our children?

Sincerely,



Susan Vessels
Information and Referral Coordinator
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205 322-YWCA

May 17, 1994

President William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

We urge you to restore the \$5 billion new dollars for day care for the working poor in your welfare reform. Working poor families will have to go on welfare if sufficient funds are not made available in your reform. In Jefferson County, Alabama there is a 16 month wait for child care subsidy now for these families.

Desperate working families are often discourage with these barriers and are giving up to go on welfare for a better life for their children. Regrettably the YW has to support them in this decision because it is indeed a better life for their children. Please reconsider your funding.

Sincerely,

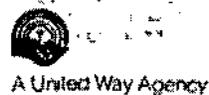
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May 7, 1994

Dear Mr. Reed,

I am attending the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) Regional Conference in Boise. It has been a positive experience relating to other Resource and Referral agencies throughout the West. I work on a daily basis with Parents looking for child care and over 60% of those parents ~~receive~~ receive subsidy assistance for child care. They are working parents, many work poor who need the monies appropriated to transitional assistance so they can move out of the circle of welfare. Don't cut the important monies for transitional care in the Welfare Reform Bill!

Roxann Kohus

8017 Buick Ave N
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Bruce Reed

5-7-94

White House

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Reed,

I am writing to you from Boise, Idaho. I have been attending the NACCRA Convention for the Western Region. What a beautiful State you have. I have also been impressed by the attitude of the people here and how visionary they are in children's issues.

I want you to know that I believe it is critical to reinstate the original dollars to child care support to the working poor. No welfare reform can possibly succeed without this.

Thank you for your vision and concern for families and children.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Barker
Cedar City, Utah

5/7/94

The Honorable Bruce Reed
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Reed:

I am visiting the beautiful state of Idaho for the Western Regional National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies Conference. Child care resource & referral (CCR&R) programs assist parents in locating child care, manage child care assistance programs, and recruit & train child care providers.

I understand that you serve on the Working Poor Welfare Reform and am writing to encourage you to include adequate funding in the Welfare Reform package for child care assistance for the working poor. Please restore the full \$5 billion for child care for the working poor. It is essential that these parents have support to keep them off welfare. If we don't provide child care support Welfare Reform will fail.

Thank you for your consideration.

of this most important family support.

Sincerely,

Sandy Bailey
Montana

May 6, 1994

Dear Mr. Reed,

Daily I see the urgent need of parents to use child care so they can go to work. I license child care programs with the Utah Department of Human Services.

Please, please remember to provide child care for the working poor as you plan changes for our national welfare program.

Sincerely,

Caroline Kreneman
Licensing Specialist

DHS, UTAH

801-538-8222

May 7, 1994

Representative Bruce Reed
Washington, D.C.

Dear Rep. Reed

I wish to express my strong disappointment
the reduction of funds for child care to working
poor families.

If the welfare reform is to succeed, you
must provide families the opportunity to have
affordable child care. Without funding the
availability of these families to continue to receive
employment is unlikely.

Again funds at a support level is critical.

Robert Whizg

May 7, 1994

Dear Mr. Reed:

I have recently learned that the Working Group on Welfare Reform is recommending that child care for the working poor be reduced.

As a parent consultant in a busy child care resource & referral I am painfully aware of the need for child care subsidies for low-income families. Without this assistance many families find themselves back on the welfare systems.

Please support the re-instatement of \$5 billion in the Budget.

Sincerely,
Susie Nelson

May 7, 1994

Bruce Reed
Washington DC
Working Group on Welfare Reform

Dear Mr. Reed:

I am currently attending a conference (National Assoc. of Child Care Resource Referral Agencies) being held in your home state of Idaho. It was brought to my attention that you are on a work group currently considering potential changes to welfare reform legislation. I would like to strongly urge you to insure that the 5 billion dollars ^{originally} designated to fund child care for the working poor remain intact. This issue is, I believe, tantamount to reaching your goal of getting people off of welfare. I hope you will support this position. Thank you. Sincerely,

Deann Burch Puffer
10717-53rd Ave, S. Seattle 98148

May 7, 1994

Dear Mr. Reed,

On Wednesday, May 4, 1994, I arrived in Boise, ID to attend the western regional conference of the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA). Within 15 minutes I knew this was a town I could live in.

I have worked with children and families for approximately 30 yrs. The needs for children and families are more critical now than ever before. I urge you, Sir, your wisdom and courage to be visionary regarding the working poor. It is critical to reincorporate the original dollars for child care support to the working poor.

Sincerely,

Mary Bossenette, Director

Child and Family Focus:

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5/7/94

Dear Bruce Reed;

I have spent the last 3 days in Boise at a West Regional Conference of the National Association of C.C.P.E. This being my first time I was greatly impressed.

There are several dedicated professionals working to make Child Care life for our children better.

It is so critical to reincorporate regional dollars for Child Care support to working parents and families.

I appreciate your continuing support for our children and families.

Thanks Again

Cindy Jensen

S.L.C. Utah
Parent Counselor

May 7, 1994

Bruce Reed:

I have just experienced your
beautiful State - Idaho - !!
I am impressed. I have just
attended a Child Care Resource
& Referral Convention.

I am writing today to encourage
you to support re-incorpor-
ating the original dollars
into the Child Welfare Reform
which supported the working
poor.

Thank you for your
forward sight. Please
make your purpose to
put children first.

Sincerely,

Jeri Vincent
CCRR

St. George, Utah

May 7, 1994

To Bruce Reed,

I am writing to express my concern for the working poor and child care. I am attending a conference in your state of Idaho, and I have enjoyed your state.

I do believe it is critical to reincorporate the original dollars for Child Care Support to the working poor population.

I am pleased that you are concerned about families and children.

Thank you
John A. Green
Ogden, Utah

May 7, 1994

Bruce Reed

Working Group on Welfare Reform

Dear Mr. Reed,

While attending the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies' Western regional conference in Boise, Idaho this week, it has been brought to my attention the real dangers to American families in years to come unless adequate provisions for child care can be insured in the welfare reform. I urge you to reinstate the original \$5 billion recommended for child care in the reform budget.

I currently work with parents in the state of Washington, counseling and assisting them in finding child care. I know how ^{crucial} ~~difficult~~ ~~it~~ child care is to families' employment.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Reed
Working Group on Welfare Reform
White House
Washington, D.C.

May 7, 1994

Dear Mr. Reed,

I am a Parent Services Coordinator for a child care Resource and Referral Agency in Salem, Oregon.

Currently, I am visiting your home state of Idaho attending a regional conference of resource and referral agencies.

My purpose in writing is to implore to you the importance of increasing funds for child care for the working poor. This group's child care needs are greatly underfunded. Without these funds, guiding these individuals to a level of self-sufficiency will become next to impossible.

Thank you for your time and consideration to this imperative issue.

Sincerely,
Faith D. Lipton

Dear Mr. Reed:

Bruce Reed
White House
Washington, D.C.

5/7/94

Dear Mr. Reed:

Once again I'm in beautiful Idaho
enjoying myself, but this time for the Western
Regional National Association for Child Care
Resource Referral Agency Conference. I think
it is very critical to reemphasize original
dollars for child care support to working
parents and families. Thank you for your
continued concern for children & families.

Sincerely,

Prison Jackson
Salt Lake City, UT

May 7, 1994

The Honorable Bruce Reed
United States of Representative
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir

I am presently attending the
Western Regional Conference
of the National Association of
Child Care Resource & Referral
Agencies or NACCRA in
the beautiful state of
Idaho. I have been
informed that you are a
representative of this state
and very familiar with
the Welfare Reform bill.

If understood that there has
been a proposed reduction in
the allocation for child care
funds for working poor parents,
which is slated to be
a total budget of 1.5 million
dollars.

I am deeply troubled
and concerned to express
to you the duty you
have to this constituency
to bring back ~~the~~ and
restore the welfare
promise to 5 million
dollars.

Our working poor parents
and children will not be
able to ~~survive~~ do without
this increase.

Thank you for your
commitment and effort
to this

Dolores J. Turay
San Francisco, Calif.

5/7/94

Dear Mr. Reed

I am presently in Boise, Idaho attending a National Child Care Resource Referral Conference. This is a beautiful community.

We have been urged to write you and ~~encourage~~ your support for child care provision for the working poor. ~~with~~

When a welfare recipient attend school or job training child care support is crucial to have them complete their training. Many find jobs - & their child care

Support ends.

I have spoken to dozens of families where this is their reality. As they begin their child care search - many can't find affordable care. In their frustration, many choose to go back on welfare.

Please support Transitional child care. Welfare Reform will fail w/out it.

Genevieve
Kita Jagan
350 NW 41st
Seattle, WA

98007

in your home state and nation wide
Thanks for your continued interest
and support for children and family
issues

Sincerely yours,

Alida Jones
Orem, Utah

May 7, 1994

Dear Mr. Bruce Reed;

We're writing to you from your home state of Idaho.

We are also writing to you from the "home front" of Health and Welfare ^{with fathers} mothers. Daily we visit with these parents who face Health & Welfare reform.

Through our Idaho Child Care Program (C.C.P.), we have the opportunity to observe and receive the gratitude ^{from} of low income parents for child care dollars. Unfortunately, we also experience the frustration of A.F.D.C. clients who are ineligible for child care dollars due to income disregards. A few weeks ago one of our regions ~~express~~ felt the impact of an angry, desperate mother who found no hope for keeping

her job because she could not afford child care. She was a victim of AFDC disregards. The SCCP associates feared for her four year old boy as she left in the heat of frustration. This was a mother who had been through drug and alcohol rehabilitation and was now concentrating on a job and weaning herself from the system.

Mr. Reed, we plead with you to consider the parents who will be undergoing training through H&W reform... training that will bring them hope for the "American Dream." We plead with you to empathize with that "trained, hopeful" mother or father who has the door shut once again because there is no child care that will be affordable for his/her child.

We urge you to support the original \$15 million reserved for child care assistance for H&W "reformed" clients. Thank you for your consideration. *Wanda Hardette*

— 6 Stern Drive Ct
San Francisco, CA. 94132

To Bruce Reed
Task Force on Welfare.

I would like to express my opinion
on issues you are covering in your
committee.

I very strongly urge you to exclude
welfare and all other benefits to non-
citizens in the U.S., and have those
who sponsor immigrants families or
others be responsible for their
financial support.

Why should my tax dollars be
spent on those who break our laws
and those whose sponsors do not
fulfill their obligation of support?

There is widespread abuse of these
practices and this situation should
not continue.

Sincerely,
— Kay R. Bergmann



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President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 20500

May 13, 1994

Dear President Clinton:

It is imperative that the welfare reform proposal include sufficient child care assistance for working poor families. Please accept the recommendations of the nationally recognized welfare experts on your Task Force, who have told you child care assistance is essential to "end welfare as we know it" and "to make work pay". The scaled back version of the welfare reform plan means that many working poor families, playing by the rules, trying to stay off welfare but unable to get adequate child care, will slip onto the welfare rolls.

There are two points I would like you to consider:

- True welfare reform must provide at least \$5 billion of new child care assistance to working poor families so that low-income families do not have to go on welfare to get child care assistance.
- Given the limited amount of child care assistance for the working poor, there is no way that families moving off welfare can remain independent without a significant increase in child care funds.

I appreciate your time and consideration of this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Dawn E. Francis
Family Support Center Coordinator

cc: Mr. Bruce Reid

April 15, 1994

President William J. Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

As national, state and local organizations, we are united in our efforts to promote the health and welfare of America's families. We have been following the current welfare reform debate, and we are writing to express our concern about the **harmful impact of the CHILD EXCLUSION proposal** contained in the Administration's most recent draft plan (Possible Elements in the Welfare Reform Proposals, March 22, 1994, at p. 13). These provisions, similar to ones already adopted on an experimental basis in several states, deny AFDC benefits to any child conceived and born after the family enrolls in the AFDC program.

Our principal concern is that child exclusion plans hurt the children of already impoverished families. By completely cutting off benefits for any child conceived while a family is on AFDC, the administration will punish innocent children and their siblings in families struggling to stretch meager resources just to provide the necessities for their children.

Second, years of social science scholarship, some of it authored by high-ranking officials in your own administration, make it clear that people make childbearing decisions for complex and varied reasons. The promise of a tiny incremental gain in welfare benefits is not an inducement to have additional children. In fact, the increased costs of another child are not nearly offset by the additional benefits.

Third, the Administration's support for child exclusion plans contravenes all of your other policies and legislative initiatives to promote "healthy children, healthy families." We applaud your advocacy of increased funding for Head Start and the Women, Infants and Children program, to name just two. However, proposing this particular welfare "reform" of excluding poor infants from basic subsistence coverage while supporting other programs for children is, at best, counter-productive.

Finally, any short-term fiscal saving to be gained from the exclusion of children from the welfare program will be more than outpaced by the long-term social costs of further impoverishing children and families already in distress.

When you ran for President, you promised to be a champion for America's children. We urge you to provide that leadership now by eliminating the child exclusion from your Administration's welfare reform plan. Lest there be any misunderstanding, we believe that proposing a child exclusion as a "state option" is not an acceptable compromise. We view a state option as an open invitation to the states to deprive children of subsistence benefits. This approach is not a compromise, but rather a failure of the Administration's promise to America's children.

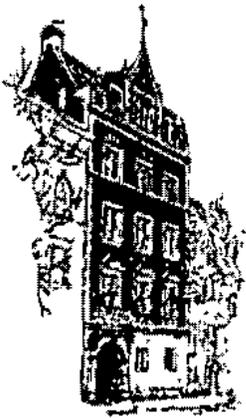
We would be happy to work with you to fulfill that promise. Toward that end, a delegation of our organizations hereby requests a meeting with you, Mr. President. Thank you for your swift attention to our request and to the matter of child exclusion.

**NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund
ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)**

Advocates for Youth (formerly The Center for Population Options)
American Medical Student Association
Boston Women's Health Book Collective
Catholics for a Free Choice
Center for Advancement of Public Policy
CLASP (Center for Law and Social Policy)
Center for Reproductive Law and Policy
Center for Women Policy Studies
Center for Women's Global Leadership
Center on Social Welfare Policy and Law
Child Welfare League of America
Church Women United
Coalition of Labor Union Women
Family Service America
Feminist Majority
Food Research and Action Center
Friends Committee on National Legislation
Institute of Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Leadership Team
ISAR, A Clearinghouse on Grassroots Cooperation in Eurasia
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Lutheran Office for Governmental Affairs, ELCA
Legal Services of New Jersey
MANA, A National Latina Organization
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.
NARAL (National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League)
National Association of Child Advocates
National Black Women's Health Project
National Consumers League
National Council of Churches
National Council of Jewish Women
National Council of Senior Citizens
NEA (National Education Association)
NOW (National Organization for Women)
National Welfare Rights and Reform Union
National Women's Law Center
NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
Presbyterian Church (USA), D.C. office
Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund
Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
Stanislaus County (CA) Welfare Rights Organization
Unitarian Universalist Association, D.C. office
United Church of Christ, Office for Church in Society
Women of Color Partnership
Women of Reform Judaism
Women's Legal Defense Fund
 (list in formation)

4/27/94

cc: The Honorable Donna Shalala
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Richard P. Nathan
 Director

Can I get any information with more highlights to write an op-ed supporting the President's welfare plan? My fax number is (518) 442-5232.

I am sure you are swamped. I know how hard this is. I've been there. I hope you are holding up and wish you well.

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To: Bruce Reed

Date: 4-27-94

From: Kathleen Lyon

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Please see the attached letter, which was originally sent on April 15. Almost 50 national, state and local groups have now joined this call to eliminate the child exclusion from the Administration's Welfare Reform Proposal.

Sat. April 7th

Dear Mr. Peck,

I had the recent opportunity to attend, the National Association of Resources and Referral Child Care, Conference in your beautiful state!!!

I was somewhat taken back to hear of the child care issues in your state. My hope for the future is that:

The original \$ dollars for welfare Reform Child Care support will be incorporated in this year's allocation. Actions today must support the lives of ^{the} workers, poor four years from now!

I appreciate your support & concern for the families of not only Idaho but the nation.

My sincere thanks!

Kris Hale
Salt Lake City, Utah

May 8, 1994

Representative Reed
Washington, D.C.

Dear Rep Reed:

Child Care is a critical component to working parents & access to & being able to afford quality Child Care is essential for the productivity of parents who work outside the home.

I urge you to not sabotage our low-income working families by cutting the Block grant funds. It is imperative that families working out of the welfare system have support with their Child Care cost. Without it, these current plans will fail & many young children will be harmed.

I've very impressed with Boise & have enjoyed my visit here for the National Child Care Service & Referral Agencies Conference.

Sincerely,
Jane Clark
Child Care L. Specialist
Kalamazoo, MI

May 7, 1974

Bruce Reed,

I have very much enjoyed
visiting Boise these past few
days during a regional
meeting for Child Care and
Referral agencies. (NACORRA)

I am very concerned about
Child Care in our nation. I
feel it is critical to
reincorporate the original
funds for Child Care Support
to the working poor in the
welfare reform proposal.

Thank you for your vision
for children.

David Alice, Director
Family Connections R.R.
Orem, Utah 84058

5/6/94

Dear Mr. Reed,

I am a licensing specialist for the Department of Human Services, State of Utah. I license child care centers for eight counties in Utah and I am seriously concerned about the working poor family needs for child care under the Welfare Reform.

I appeal to your position on the Working Group on Welfare Reform to advocate for full funding for child care - the \$5 billion which was originally requested.

I have enjoyed your beautiful State as an attendee at this National Association for ~~Child~~ Resource and Referral conference. I find your child advocates committed and professional, working hard to solve the nation's child care dilemma. You should feel proud of the work they do!

Thank you,
Janie M. Christensen
Licensing Specialist
Dept. Human Services/State of Utah

Representative Bruce Reed
Washington D.C.

Dear Representative Reed,

I am very concerned with the allocation of funds that have been removed from child care under the Welfare Reform Bill. Child care assistance in many instances is the only factor making the difference to working poor families trying to stay off of A.F.D.C. If we are truly and effectively going to help families improve their living conditions and quality of life the funding must return to the 5 Billion as originally allocated.

Sincerely,

Catherine Butler
Butte 4 C's -
Butte, Mt. 59701

May 7, 1994

The Honorable Bruce Reed
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Honorable Reed:

I am writing to you and the Working Group for Welfare Reform.

As I sit here in the beautiful state of Idaho, ^{at the NACCPA conference,} I have been informed that there is a consideration within the Welfare Reform Package to only allocate \$1.5 million for Child Care services.

As a state Administrator in Montana, who's job responsibility is to oversee and develop the state's Child Care programs, I find this proposal unacceptable. 5 billion is absolutely the minimum upon which a successful package will work.

In Order for Welfare Reform to work, considerable more money must be put toward Child Care. With such support, families will be unable to

to maintain employment. Just imagine if you were that parent:- Just imagine the pain & anguish you would experience not knowing whether there would be a quality, safe environment for your precious baby? Even before that, imagine the conflict, the inner conflict that results from attempting to make the decision to work or be a good parent.

Parents who receive welfare lose their children. These folks deserve to have good child care arrangements that are affordable & are of quality. Without these assurances, the good work that went into assisting the parent to gain employment, will fail.

Thank-you for your consideration. I appeal this request to you as a citizen & as a parent. With the health & safety of children & their families, I am,

Sincerely,

Deby Fleming - Siler
State of Montana

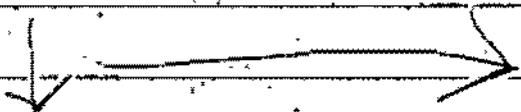
Dear Mr. ~~to~~ Reed

May 7, 1994

I am writing to you from the Western Regional Conference for the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA). I ask, with the deepest concern for the working poor, that you support the reinstitution of the provision of 5 billion dollars to the working poor in welfare reform.

In my home state of Washington, just as in your beautiful state of Idaho, working families desperately need assistance. It is unrealistic to cut the reform amount to 1 billion with a two year eligibility for aid. As the "institution" of the family in America continues to erode, we must unite as a country & as a people to ensure ^{our} the future by taking care of "our" children and families.

I beg of you to support families & the re-instituting of the 5 billion for the working poor.



Sincerely,

Deanne Jones

5/7/94

Dear Mr. Reed,

It is urgent that child care funding under welfare Reform be restored to 5 billion.

Child care services are critical for working poor wanting to move off the welfare rolls. Please help move children out of poverty. This will give hope and opportunity to children and families.

Thank you very much.

Letha Pikey

parent of two
children in child care.

818 NW 70th St.

Seattle, WA 98117

Bruce Reed
White House
Washington, D.C.

May 7, 1994

Dear Bruce Reed,

I have enjoyed the time I spent in Boise, Idaho at the Regional Conference of the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

There are many very dedicated child care professionals working to make a better life for our children!

It is very critical to reincorporate original dollars for child care support to working parents and families.

I appreciate your concern for our future with our children and families. Please help us help them.

Thank you,

Laura Ann Walburger
Logan, Utah

Bruce Reed
Working Group on Welfare Reform
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed of a potential cut in funds for child care for the working poor - these funds are essential for families to end dependence on welfare, and model a new way of life for their children.

Please restore the funding for working poor to the original 5 billion of the 15 billion.

Thank you for your attention to a critical need.

John Nelson

State Board Member
Association for Education of Young Children

May 7, 1994

Mr. Bruce Reed

Washington, DC

Working Group on Welfare Reform

Dear Mr. Reed,

I'm writing to you from the Western Regional National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRA). We spent the last 3 days visiting your lovely state and enjoyed touring Boise.

It is critical that you understand during your work on welfare reform how vital child care for the working poor is to the success of your efforts. Like you, I'd like to see people working rather than become permanent fixtures on the welfare system. The reality is that American business can not or does not pay these individuals wages sufficient to afford to housing, food, and child care. Without assistance with child care these individuals have and will end up back on the welfare system. I plead with you to restore the funding for the child care for the working poor to the \$5 billion level recommended. The success of this project, relies on this funding. Sincerely,
Tam O'Leary

Bruce Reed

Chair of Working Group on Welfare Reform

Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Reed,

I am writing to you as a representative from a child care resource & referral, and as a parent. From doing referrals for parents who need child care, I am very aware of the challenges and hardships of low income parents. The calls coming into our office are, by the majority, part time odd hour requests. These parents also are low income, which means a large part of their income goes to pay for child care.

I have been fortunate to be in your home state of Idaho for a conference of the Western Region of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies. I implore you to look very closely at the needs of child care in your challenge of welfare reform. It would be a great injustice to underfund subsidies for the working poor. All children need and deserve to have quality child care. Don't sell our future short.

Respectfully,

Kanette Clendenin

Resource & Referral Specialist

Douglas County CCR&R

Roseburg, Oregon

— May 7, 1944

Senator Bruce Reed:

Dear Sir: I am here attending a conference of Child Care Resource & Referral for the Western Region in Boise. This is a beautiful City. I am impressed with the people of Idaho but however I am appalled that the support for children and America's working - poor families is severely lacking. I am appealing to your human instincts of survival of our society and the future of our country. We need money to provide the child care necessary to allow families to work. Without good, affordable and quality child care we are jeopardizing the very life blood of our future. Thank you for your concern
—
Burrill Home
Subsidy specialist Forest Grove Or.

Sat. May 7, 1994
Boise, ID

To the Honorable Bruce Reed,

Upon this occasion, the closing of a 3 day conference of the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, here in the great and beautiful ^{state} of Idaho, I would like to urge you, as the Chairman of the Working Group on Welfare Reform, to reinstate the 5 billion dollars recommended by Health and Human Services to provide child care services to the working poor.

Please do not ignore this vital need of the American family.

— Thank you.

Jancy Castagnasso

PO 775376 Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

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May 13, 1994

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton,

The California Association for the Education of Young Children has over 9,000 members statewide. Our organization consists of Family Day Care Providers, Pre-School Teachers & Directors, Primary Elementary School Teachers, Administrators and Parents.

Many of us work with parents that are the working poor. It is critical that when you discuss Welfare Reform that you include enough child care dollars that will really help these families. Our organization urges you to include enough child care dollars in any Welfare Reform package for the working poor. These families are truly at risk. To keep them off welfare we must help them with their child care cost.

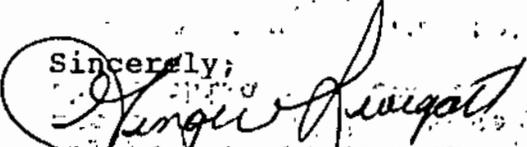
We are very concerned that the child care provided be quality child care. The reimbursement rate must reflect the true cost of quality child care.

On a personal note, I work for Child Action Inc., which is a Child Care Resource and Referral Agency that serves Sacramento County. We have over 2,000 families on our waiting list that need help paying for their child care. I hear the urgent need in their voices when they get on our waiting list for child care. Many parents will say, "I don't want to go back on Welfare but I will have to, I just can't afford child care."

You must fund child care for the working poor. The future of our Country depends on the decisions you make today.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


Ginger Swigart, CAEYC Public Policy Chair

cc. Mr. Bruce Reid

May 16, 1994

Dear Mr. Reed,

Everyday as a Director of Family Services for Big Bend Community Coordinated Child Care (a non-profit for the delivery of subsidized child care and child care ^{Texas, St.} Resource and Referral), I deal with desperate mothers who want to work and do the "right" thing for their children! Please understand that the key to both of the needs of mothers are addressed by quality child care. That child care is expensive - but the alternative is disastrous in that our nation, as well as the lives of children, will depend on these children tomorrow!

It is imperative that the welfare reform proposal include sufficient child care assistance for working poor families. Please accept the recommendations of the nationally recognized welfare experts on your Task Force, who have told you child care assistance is essential to "end welfare as we know it" and to make work pay. The scaled back version of the welfare reform plan means that many working poor families, playing by the rules, trying to stay off welfare, but unable to get adequate child care, will slip onto the welfare rolls.

Do not cut children (issues), they bleed into our hearts and onto our nation's future.

Sincerely,

Stephanie M. Conan

305. Clemons Ave.
Madison, WI

May 18, 1994

President Clinton
The White House
600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Clinton,

I care for children for a living and I care for my own children with the support of a child care center. Children enrich my life and I care deeply for their well being.

I want you to really know that child care in this country is in crisis. You cannot allow the critical piece of welfare reform--support for quality child care--to fall by the wayside. Families CANNOT go to work w/o assurances about the care their children will receive. Not only will welfare reform not work without significant amounts of money for child care, but it is unconscionable to put our nation's children at risk even more than they already are. I urge you to help low income working and AFDC families access quality child care so their children can be looked upon as enriching their lives, rather than just another great worry.

If you were to follow a child care provider in her job for just one day, you would likely find yourself with a hard-working, talented, grossly underpaid woman who confronts poverty herself every day, diminishing the very spirit and vitality that brought her to her work. If you were to follow a parent searching for care for her toddler, you might feel her pain of separating from her young child or her anxiety caused by not finding available care (to say nothing of affordable care), or you might feel her anger that her children don't have access to the best...and she knows where that leads... If you followed a child in a day care center, you might feel her insecurity--after all will anyone really notice me and take care of my needs, will my teacher of yesterday be here today?--or her indifference or her fear or her yearning to be talked to, touched, and played with...

It is incumbent upon the leaders of our country to ensure the future of our youngest citizens. I'm doing my job, please do yours--Welfare reform demands an investment in child care!

Sincerely,


Peggy Haack

cc: Bruce Reid, The President's Working Group on Welfare Reform

5/16/94

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Dear President Clinton,

Families can NOT be
at work without quality
child care. Children in
our nation deserve better
than this country is offering
them.

If we don't make progress
on this, the wellbeing of our
whole country is at stake.

You should not talk about concern
about violence without talking
about this issue, too.

CAROL GROSS
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Sheboygan, WI 53083
414 458 9366

Zion Heights Day Care Center
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President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President;

True welfare reform must provide
at least \$5 billion of new Child Care
assistance so that low-income families
are not forced to go back on Welfare.
There is not enough assistance now
for the working poor. There is no way
that families moving off welfare can
remain independent without significant
increase in Child Care funds.

Thank you.
Your Very Truly
Mrs. Lucy Peoples
40 Zion Heights Day C.C.
B'ham, Al 35207

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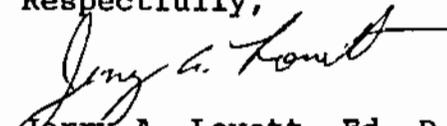
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

As Executive Director for a board of a community mental health center that provides services to children I urge you to provide at least adequate funding for such services in your welfare reform plan. If the working poor do not have adequate child care services they certainly cannot take advantage of training that is available and that your expanded program would recommend. After years of seeing the positive benefits of such child care services I urge you to include this in your welfare reform proposal.

Respectfully,



Jerry A. Lovett, Ed. D.
Executive Director

JAL:cd

May 7, 1994

To: Bruce Reed

I am attending a conference of the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referrals in your beautiful state of Idaho. Child Care Connections Resource & Referral has been a gracious host.

I work with parents who are struggling to pay their bills as workers, especially child care. I feel that it is critical to reinstate the original money for child care support to working parents.

I appreciate your concern for our children and families of our nation!

Sincerely,

Patti Hamilton
Ogden, Utah

May 7, 1994

Bruce Reed
Washington D C

Dear Mr. Reed

I have sincerely enjoyed the past few days I have been in your home state of Idaho. I have been attending the regional conference for the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies in Boise.

I am extremely concerned about your work on Welfare Reform. Money is desperately needed to assist the working poor to move out of poverty. Child care costs are an important factor keeping the working poor from becoming self sufficient. I urge, ~~and~~ ^{and} no plead with you to work toward the restoration of \$15 billion. A minimum of \$5 billion is needed for childcare.

Thanks for your attention to this
~~and~~ extremely important
concern

Sincerely

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