



Cynthia A. Rice

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To: Diana Fortuna/OPD/EOP  
cc:  
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Subject: Can you check -- is the SS # provision that's part of the child support legislation? 

I'll give you a copy of the incoming  
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To: Cynthia A. Rice/OPD/EOP  
cc:  
Subject: WA State Senate - welfare

Hi, Cynthia --

I'm checking up on the status of the letter from the WA State Senate I sent to you via interoffice mail on 4-1-98. Their letter is a "formal request for a change in the law to eliminate... the requirement of the need for reporting of Social Security numbers on the application of a variety of public documents such as professional licences, marriage licenses, etc... It is contrary to the privacy of our citizens and general state policy... if this is not possible, we request that you consider a waiver for our state to this change in the PWORA."

Please let me know what is the best way to handle this letter/request.

Thanks for your help.

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*Child Support -  
Social Security Numbers*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

To: Cynthia Fee  
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Date: 4.1.98

From: D. Ikenishi  
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Comments:

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Scott Michael



# Washington State Senate

March 9, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

It's hard to argue against efforts to increase collection of court ordered child support. Of course, such efforts help children and their families reduce their reliance on public aid.

Washington has shown a strong commitment to child support collection and our state agency has been in the lead nationally, making every effort to increase collections over the years.

Washington passed WorkFirst legislation in 1997 to bring our state into compliance with federal welfare reform legislation, including the professional license suspension child support collection tools. Now we are faced with a dilemma. We wonder if you are aware of a Congressional change made in 1997, a year after the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Reconciliation Act was signed. This change requires the reporting of Social Security Numbers on the application of a variety of public documents such as professional licenses, recreational licenses, drivers licenses and marriage licenses.

We find ourselves in Washington state confused by this Congressional amendment made to the original federal law. It is contrary to the privacy of our citizens and general state policy.

This letter is a formal request for a change in the law to eliminate this requirement. If that is not possible, we request that you consider a waiver for our state to this change in the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996, (P.L. 104-193) made by Congress in 1997.

As background: In 1996, in Part I, Section 103 of the PROWRA, Congress required that a state's chief executive officer certify that the state will operate a child support enforcement program approved under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act as a prerequisite to eligibility for a federal TANF grant.

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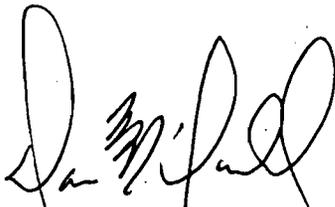
In 1997, in Part III, Section 317, Congress amended Title IV-D of the Social Security Act to add a requirement that states enact procedures requiring that social security number of any applicant for a professional license, recreational license, driver's license or marriage license be recorded on the application. There is currently no such mandate in Washington.

We believe that failure of the Washington state Legislature to enact a provision substantially similar to the federal law would render Washington unable to qualify for some \$800 million worth of federal TANF grant funds or to operate a child support program in compliance with Title-IV-D of the Social Security Act.

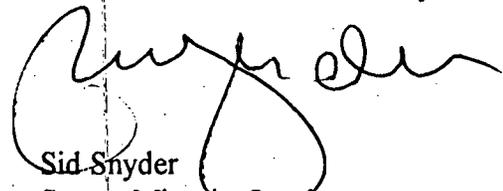
We do not like being in this untenable position. We are elected to protect the life, liberty and personal freedom of each our citizens. This provision breaches the rights of citizens, and threatens of the loss of all federal welfare funds which we use to help low-income families get back into the work force.

We would like your assistance in relieving us of the requirements of this law and infringement of privacy.

Sincerely,



Dan McDonald  
Senate Majority Leader



Sid Snyder  
Senate Minority Leader

cc: Secretary Donna Shalala, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
The Honorable Gary Locke, Governor of Washington State  
The Honorable Trent Lott  
The Honorable Newt Gingrich  
The Honorable Slade Gorton  
The Honorable Patty Murray  
The Honorable Rick White  
The Honorable Jack Metcalf  
The Honorable Linda Smith  
The Honorable Richard Hastings  
The Honorable George Nethercutt  
The Honorable Norm Dicks  
The Honorable Jim McDermott  
The Honorable Jennifer Dunn  
The Honorable Adam Smith