



August 13, 2024

The Honorable Darin LaHood  
Chair, House Work and Welfare Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Danny Davis  
Ranking Member, House Work and Welfare Subcommittee  
Washington, DC 20515

*Letter Sent Electronically*

**RE: Support for the *Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act* (H.R. 9076)**

Dear Representatives LaHood and Davis,

The National Association of County Human Services Administrators (NACHSA) supports the bipartisan *Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act* (H.R. 9076) and urges prompt floor consideration of the bill.

NACHSA is a professional affiliate of the National Association of Counties (NACo). Depending on the state, our members administer a number of federal programs serving low-income children and their families. Counties administer federal child welfare programs in nine states, with counties in two other states sharing the responsibility, depending upon the county.

The *Protecting America's Children by Strengthening Families Act* provides additional federal funding and flexibility for counties serving children and their families. Among the improvements to Title IV-B, NACHSA supports: the ability, with the consent of the youth aged 18-21, to conduct monthly caseworker visits virtually; the flexibility within the MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program to draw federal funding from any of the four categories to address poverty by providing short-term emergency assistance and/or to strengthen the recruitment, training and retention of child welfare workers; the removal of the Monthly Caseworker Visit penalties in order to invest more in child welfare prevention; and, creating competitive grants to support local evaluation of programs that meet the criteria for inclusion in the Family First Prevention Services Clearinghouse.

Thank you again for your leadership on the issue. If your staff have any questions, please have them contact NACHSA's Washington Representative Tom Joseph at [tj@paragonlobbying.com](mailto:tj@paragonlobbying.com) or 202.449.0398.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Makelky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dan Makelky  
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National Association of County Human Services Administrators  
Director  
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