



May 22, 2024

Representative Kevin Hern
House Committee on Ways and Means
1019 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Gwen Moore
House Committee on Ways and Means
2252 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Suzan DelBene
House Committee on Ways and Means
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Hern, Moore and DelBene,

The National Association of County Human Services Administrators (NACHSA) supports the *Strengthening State and Tribal Child Support Act* (H.R. 7906) and thanks you for your leadership on the issue.

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, including child support in some states.

State and county child support agencies support the bill to clarify and allow the use of contractors to assist them in collecting child support, including but not limited to identifying and pursuing federal tax refund offsets from individuals owing past-due support. Internal Revenue Service guidance issued last year would reverse decades-long practices of a public-private collaboration to serve families. Contractors adhere to the same strict laws to protect taxpayer information followed by our public employees.

The bill will also assist our tribal partners by providing them direct access to federal tax information to offset federal tax refunds from parents owing support to their children as well as obtaining other vital information to establish and enforce child support orders.

If a bill is not enacted by October 1, 2024, many states, tribes and counties will be subject to corrective action plans and will no longer be able to use contractors, potentially causing major disruptions in agencies' ability to support children and their families. We are joined by the four national child support associations in support of the bill. NACHSA also provided a statement supporting a legislative remedy for the Ways and Means Committee hearing record last December when a hearing was held on the issue.

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 or 202.449.0398.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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

Dan Makelky
President
National Association of County Human Services Administrators
Director
Douglas County, Colorado Department of Human Services