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Stand Up for Children in Single-Parent Families
Restore Funding for Child Support Enforcement

Dear Colleague,

I am writing to urge you to join me in cosponsoring **HR 1386, the *Child Support Protection Act of 2007***. This important piece of legislation would restore recent cuts in Federal funding to state and county child support enforcement programs.

These cuts will have a dramatic effect on children, and will push countless single-parent families into poverty and onto the rolls of other government assistance programs. According to the Congressional Budget Office, if the funding is not restored, an estimated \$11 billion in support to children will go uncollected over the next ten years. In many states, these cuts will force counties to lay off as many as one-third of all local child support employees, including many case workers.

The child support program is regarded as one of the most effective Federal assistance programs. For every 74 cents spent by the Federal government, the child support program collects \$4.58 in private dollars for single parent families. The Department of Health and Human Services has characterized the child support program as "one of the highest rated block/formula grants of all reviewed programs government-wide." Last year, the child support program collected \$24 billion for 17 million kids -- a fourth of the nation's children.

Hurting millions of low income children by cutting a program of proven effectiveness makes no sense. HR 1386 would restore the funding to this program, and allow state and county child support agencies to continue serving single parent families at the levels they did prior to October 1st, when these cuts took effect.

Please join me as a cosponsor of this measure, and stand up for children in single parent families. If you would like more information or would like to become a cosponsor of this important legislation, please contact Lindsay Manson in my office at 225-7761 or lindsay.manson@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Reichert". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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