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Todd -

This is a form letter you had previously approved for Jim Dorskind. Bruce Reed has made some changes (highlighted) Jim would like to get your approval again -

November 1, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe

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Business Adr1

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Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about child support enforcement. I am deeply concerned about this important issue.

Parents must bear responsibility for supporting the children they bring into this world, and reforming the child support system has been one of my top legislative priorities. The welfare reform bill I signed into law on August 22, 1996, contains the toughest child support enforcement measures in our nation's history -- changes that will improve the procedures used to establish paternity, make it easier to enter and update child support awards, and dramatically strengthen our ability to enforce the payment of those awards. This Act gives us the ability to track deadbeat parents across state lines, suspend their driver's licenses if necessary, and make them work off what they owe. These measures send a clear and consistent message that both parents must take responsibility for their children.

I'm proud to report that in four years child support collections have jumped by nearly 50 percent -- from \$8 billion to nearly \$12 billion -- and the child support plan included in the welfare reform act will double child support collections by the year 2000. If parents paid all the child support they should, we could move 800,000 women and children off welfare immediately. In addition, it is important that the federal government serve as a model for other employers. That's why I signed an executive order requiring federal agencies to cooperate fully with efforts to establish and to enforce child support orders and to help employees understand how they can meet their support obligations. To build on this progress, in September 1996, I issued another executive order to take additional steps to support our children and strengthen American families by facilitating the collection of delinquent child support obligations from persons who may be entitled or eligible to receive certain federal payments or federal assistance. The executive order says simply, if you owe child support, you shouldn't get the support of the federal government.

In June 1996, I directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor to exercise their legal authority in helping to implement a pilot program. This program matches new-hire data collected by participating states with Federal Parent Locator Service data to track parents who owe child support in one state and take a job in another. This program will also help to strengthen the paternity establishment requirements for welfare applicants, thereby improving child support operations.

Implementation of these initiatives is integral to promoting the American values of parental responsibility, and as we continue working toward this goal, I welcome your continued involvement.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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Send to Donskind?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Coordinate w/ DSC?

Yes ☒

No ☐

Coordinate with Counsel's Office also.

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I'm writing with a couple of things in mind. First and foremost to tell you about a trip I took to Cuba last month. I'm writing a play - a collage actually - about the tensions surrounding the Cuban refugees in Fort Chaffee. We'll be producing a workshop of the piece in June at Arkansas Rep. Because I was having a difficult time realizing the Cuban characters I went to Havana to get a more vivid picture of their culture, their frustrations, their life.

It was a fruitful trip and I met lots of very nice people of all social and economic levels; that a communist country would have such social levels in itself surprised me. It was, as you might imagine, at times very depressing. The economy is crumbling around them at an even faster rate than the historic buildings of Havana. Mr. President, people - regular people- are really having a desperate time of it.

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position in Cuba has blinded them to the ravages of poverty that their countrymen are barely surviving. This may indeed be misrepresented or distorted but one thing I know ... people learn from open dialogue and exposure. Cutting our ties with Cuba only makes it more difficult for them to see the strengths and rewards of a democratic system. I've probably said much more than necessary, but I wanted to share my reaction with you.

On another matter, we'd very much like to do a President's Box at the Rep. Do we need formal permission? I'm not sure of the protocol. Unbelievably The Rep is entering it's Twenty-first Season. Although it becomes harder and harder to meet our contributed goals, we are experiencing a wonderful growth in attendance and earned income. You'd be proud of our diversity and outreach.

Mimi told me her visit to the White House was nothing short of magical. Those of us who miss you both very much can understand her excitement.

From all of us, the staff, the Board & the hundreds of artists we employ annually...here's wishing you a great November 5th and much health & happiness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cliff F. Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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