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The Honorable John Thune
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Offer of Support for the Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act

Dear Senators Thune and Wyden:

The Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association (ERICSA) is an association dedicated to advancing and improving efforts of States, Tribes, and Territories to establish parentage and to establish, modify, and enforce child support obligations. This association has been advocating for child support program improvements since its inception in 1964.

First, on behalf of ERICSA, I would like to thank you for introducing and supporting such important legislation, the *Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act*, for the child support program and the families we serve. Second, we would like to echo the sentiments of our sister organization, the National Child Support Enforcement Association, in support of this bill. ERICSA believes the provisions of the *Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act* would provide a very important tool, the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program, to federally funded child support programs in Indian Country and give Tribal programs the same access that State child support programs already have.

ERICSA is dedicated to improving the lives of the families reached by the child support program. Bringing this parity to the Tribal child support program is not only just, but it is also vital for the reduction of past due child support arrears to the Native American families we serve. As such, ERICSA eagerly supports the *Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act*.

Sincerely,

Patrick Quinn, President

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