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June 4, 2020

The Honorable Chuck Grassley, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking Member  
Senate Finance Committee  
United States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Offer of Support for the PARENTS Act of 2020, S.3325—116<sup>th</sup> Congress, related to S.3283

Dear Senators Grassley and Wyden:

The Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association (ERICSA) is an association dedicated to advancing and improving the work 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.

ERICSA would like to convey to you both our full support of the *Providing Adequate Resources to Enhance Needed Time with Sons and Daughters Act* (PARENTS Act).

The PARENTS Act would allow States to use incentive funds for establishing voluntary parenting time orders, at the State's option, and therefore not require the State to apply for waivers from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Child Support Enforcement. Currently, States wishing to apply for waivers to establish voluntary parenting time orders encounter a burdensome process that would be alleviated by the PARENTS Act. States that do not obtain a waiver face the burden of calculating the cost and paying from State funds. The PARENTS Act would alleviate that reporting requirement for those States as well.

ERICSA is dedicated to improving the lives of the families reached by the child support program. Further, ERICSA recognizes studies that show when support orders are issued in conjunction with voluntary parenting time orders, the obligor parent complies with the support order better than when there is no parenting time order. This bill could lead to the improved financial, as well as emotional, support for children. As such, ERICSA supports the PARENTS Act. ERICSA would respectfully request that our letter in support be forwarded on to any subcommittees that may consider the Act.

Sincerely,



Patrick Quinn, President

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