

Date: _____

Case/CSC Number: _____

Re: _____

Dear _____:

Enclosed is a copy of the _____ order. Please read it carefully to determine the effect it has on _____.

Sincerely,

(obligee)

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD SUPPORT RECOVERY PROGRAM

Federal law requires each state to have an agency that establishes paternity, medical and child support orders and enforces these orders. In Iowa, this is the Child Support Recovery Unit. Custodial or noncustodial parents may apply for child support services. *The primary way child support is collected is through income withholding.* In addition, we can enforce the order by taking any or all of the following actions as law allows:

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| Attaching state and federal tax refunds | Bringing a contempt of court proceeding |
| Seizing bank accounts (administrative levy) | Suspending a driver's, hunting, fishing, or professional license |
| Offsetting state and federal non-tax payments | |
| Denying or revoking a passport | Making a referral for federal felony prosecution |
| Placing liens on property | Making referrals to the Department of Revenue and Finance for debt collection. |
| Reporting overdue support to credit bureaus | |

Visitation and custody are treated separately from child support. We provide child support services. We do not handle custody and visitation issues for parents. These matters must be handled through a private attorney. However, if parents reconcile, we can assist in suspending current child support.

A Unit attorney represents the state of Iowa. The attorney does not represent either parent.

It is very important that you carefully read all mail or legal papers you get from us and respond by the due date. Be sure to notify us of any changes in your address, employment, or court order. If you have questions about your case, call the local office at the number listed above. If you need assistance finding the local office phone number, call the child support automated information line at 1-888-229-9223 (toll free nationwide). General information about Iowa's child support program is also available on the internet at <http://www.childsupport.ia.gov>.

(obligor)

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We will notify you when we take many of these actions to enforce child support. The notice will tell you what you can do to challenge the action.

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If you reconcile with the payee, or any of the children covered by the order change their residence to your home, we can help suspend your support order.

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If support is not being withheld from your income, send payments directly to: Collection Services Center (CSC), PO Box 9125, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9125. Be sure to include your name and CSC case number on your payment. Your CSC case number is listed at the top of this form. Thank you for supporting your children.

(modification)

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