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The Honorable Jim McDermott
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Committee on Ways and Means
B-317 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

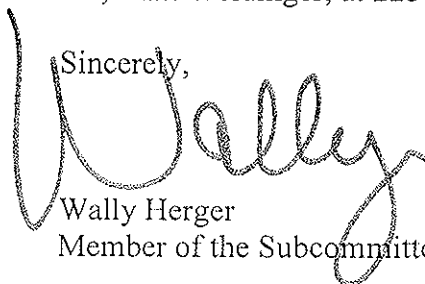
Dear Chairman McDermott:



Thank you for convening the February 27, 2008 Income Security and Family Support Subcommittee hearing on proposals to reform the child welfare system. As was mentioned at the hearing, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has been asked to produce a score for legislation you have introduced, the Invest in KIDS Act (H.R. 5466). I would like to submit for the hearing record the enclosed informal cost estimate by the CBO of that legislation, and ask that it be made part of the official record of the hearing.

If your staff has any questions regarding this request, please have them contact the Republican Staff Director for the Subcommittee, Matt Weidinger, at 225-4021. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Wally Herger
Member of the Subcommittee

Enclosed

McDermott Foster Care Bill - March 7, 2008

(by fiscal year, in billions of dollars) a/

Mandatory		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2009-2013	2009-2018
title 1	budget authority outlays		undetermined										
title 2	budget authority outlays	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	2.5	7.8
		0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.3	2.4	7.6
title 3 b/	budget authority outlays	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.2	2.4
		0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.1	2.3
title 4	budget authority outlays	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.2
		0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.2
total (titles 2, 3, and 4)	budget authority outlays	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	4.4	11.3
		0.4	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	4.2	11.1
Discretionary													
title 4	budget authority outlays	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
		0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3

a/ Assumes bill takes effect at start of FY 2009

b/ Assumes \$200 million/year in Child Welfare Quality Improvement Grants continues through 2018