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Sherri Z. Heller, Ed.D.  
Commissioner  
Office of Child Support Enforcement  
Department of Health and Human Services  
370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW  
Washington, DC 20447

Dear Commissioner Heller:

I am writing to clarify and hopefully alleviate concerns that have recently been elevated to my office regarding recent Internal Revenue Service safeguard reviews of State Child Support Enforcement Agencies (CSEAs) to whom Federal tax information is provided. I understand that information conveyed in recent reports may have given some agencies the impression that IRS is considering discontinuing disclosures of Federal tax information to CSEAs. I am writing to assure you that this is not the case.

Although recent reviews have identified areas of concern, including the appropriateness of disclosures to contractors, we do not intend to deviate from our long-standing practice of seeking collaborative solutions to address potential safeguards issues. Accordingly, no suspension actions are being contemplated. Please feel free to convey this information to your State CSEA organizations through your official Office of Child Support Enforcement communication network.

We will continue to work closely with your staff and those of the States to seek mutually agreeable solutions to any outstanding issues. In addition, we would like to meet with you and/or members of your staff to further discuss and clarify current child support issues. We will be in contact with your office to schedule a meeting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-622-8910 or Laura Benningfield, Program Manager, Safeguards, at 202-927-5534.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Galik".

Daniel Galik  
Chief, Mission Assurance

cc: Margo Smith, Professional Staff  
Subcommittee on Human Resources  
House Ways and Means Committee