

**BEFORE THE
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE
OF THE
NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Request for an Extension to Create)
Administrative Rules regarding)
Child Support Enforcement)**

**DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES
March 12, 2008**

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Chairman Fischer and members of the committee, my name is Julie Leer and I am an attorney with the Department of Human Services' Legal Advisory Unit. I am here today to apologize for my failure to complete rulemaking required to amend an administrative rule regarding child support enforcement, as required by changes made to N.D.C.C. § 14-09-09.7(1)(g) by the 2007 Legislative Assembly; I am also requesting an extension to amend N.D.A.C. § 75-02-04.1-09, pursuant to the 2007 amendments to N.D.C.C. § 14-09-09.7(1)(g).

The amendment needed is an amendment to North Dakota Administrative Code § 75-02-04.1-09. The amendment was discussed with one of the former attorneys in the Legal Advisory Unit and was drafted by the Child Support Enforcement Division in a timely fashion. The draft amendment was forwarded to the Legal Advisory Unit to review and to begin the process for notice and hearing after the other attorney had resigned. Upon receiving the draft, I misunderstood it to be part of a different set of administrative rules that are being drafted, so I set it aside to address those that had to be adopted by April 1, 2008, first. By the time my error was discovered, we were unable to schedule the hearing and complete the process in time to present the proposed amendment to the rule to you for today's meeting. Had I

recognized this sooner, I believe you also would be reviewing that proposed amendment at today's hearing. For this reason, I request an extension to allow us to complete the process for adopting this amendment to the child support enforcement rules.

Again, my apologies for my oversight. I would be happy to try and answer any questions that you may have. Thank you.

Prepared by:

Julie Leer
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