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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

April 29, 2010

Hon. Heidi G. Winslow, Judge Judicial District & Geographical Area 3 Courthouse 146 White Street Danbury, Connecticut

Re: Charles Lake: FA-85-0287428; Child Support File No. 10027363

Dear Judge Winslow:

I am writing you on behalf of Charles Lake, who resides at 72 Old Route 23 in Cairo, New York and who is a constituent of 20th Congressional District of New York. Although a congressional office will only contact a judge regarding an active matter with a great deal of circumspection and hesitancy, I believe that addressing your chambers is justified in this instance.

You will find as a matter of record that a court ordered custody study was conducted by the State of Connecticut Child and Youth Services in regard to Mr. Lake's daughter, Tiffany Lake, in 1984. Pursuant to the study Tiffany was placed in Mr. Lake's home in 1984, and he was given temporary custody on July 1, 1985 and sole custody on March 19, 1986. However, there was an additional court order, dated May 9, 1986, associated with the above-referenced matter, which called for a custody study in regard to Mr. Lake's other children, Charles and Rebecca Lake. Mr. Lake maintains that the mandated study did not take place. My calls to the State of Connecticut Child and Youth Services Offices were not returned, so I am unable to confirm the lack of a study.

In the light of the alleged lack of a study, Mr. Lake has requested that his case be reviewed and judged on its merits both in regard to his custody claims and billing errors. Lacking such a review, Mr. Lake will be unable to address these matters, which have long burdened his family and finances. I respectfully submit Mr. Lake's request to your judicial discretion.

Sincerely,

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