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December 2, 2019

The Honorable John Cornyn  
United States Senator  
517 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for the PARENTS Act

Dear Senator Cornyn:

The Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association (ERICSA) is an association dedicated to improving the establishment of parentage and the establishment and enforcement of child support obligations across state lines. The association has been advocating for child support improvements since its inception 56 years ago.

We would like to echo the sentiments of our sister organization, the National Child Support Enforcement Association, in support of your bill, the *Providing Adequate Resources to Enhance Needed Time with Sons and Daughters Act* (PARENTS Act).

The PARENTS Act would allow States to use incentive funds for establishing voluntary parenting time orders, at the State's option, and therefore not require the State to apply for waivers from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Child Support Enforcement. Currently, States wishing to apply for waivers to establish voluntary parenting time orders encounter a burdensome process that would be alleviated by the PARENTS Act.

ERICSA is dedicated to improving the lives of the families reached by the child support program. ERICSA recognizes that support orders issued in conjunction with voluntary parenting time orders do seem to pay better than those without, so enactment of the bill would lead to improved financial, as well as emotional, support for children. As such, ERICSA supports the PARENTS Act.

Sincerely,

Patrick Quinn, President