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Subject: Memo from Senator Hatch; Re: TANF Waivers

Mr. Soura,

SCDSS Director Lillian Koller asked me to provide the following link to you: <http://www.finance.senate.gov/newsroom/ranking/release/?id=6b8e0d5a-73c2-4684-a387-2ed09d14c6f9>

It is a memo from Senator Orrin Hatch concerning the recent TANF waiver controversy. Senator Hatch explains that while Utah does believe changes need to be made to TANF, these changes should be made through the typical legislative processes and via a long-overdue "wholesale examination of the TANF program," not through legally questionable waivers from the executive branch.

The last paragraph articulates this well:

"In 2011 the Administration solicited input from the states on "administrative flexibility." The Utah DWS submitted recommendations (letter attached) to the Administration on February 28, 2011. However, the comments from Utah bear only passing resemblance to the "guidance" from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It's true that Utah would like to be judged on actually getting people back into the workforce and would like some relief from various accounting practices. These are eminently reasonable perspectives which would certainly be germane in a "regular order" congressional process for reauthorizing TANF."

Thank you and have a good evening!

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