

January 26, 2016

Senator Jerry Johnson, Chair  
Agriculture Committee  
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RE: LB 909

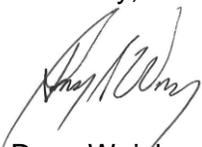
Dear Senator Johnson and members of the Agriculture Committee:

I am writing to express concern with the provisions in LB 909 which could have an adverse effect on the Department of Health and Human Services. LB 909 includes language that would remove the requirement for social security numbers on license applications. The Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) utilizes the full social security number for child support enforcement licensing actions.

DCFS administers the Child Support Enforcement program for Nebraska. The program is governed by Federal law set forth in the Social Security Act, Section 466, which requires all professional, driver's, occupational, recreational or marriage license applications to contain the full social security number. DCFS has the authority to take licensing action to ensure fulfillment of child support obligations. Utilization of the full social security number helps to make sure licensing action is connected to the correct license. Failure to comply with the Social Security Act could jeopardize federal Title IV-D funding for DCFS.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to share the above information and would be happy to work with this Committee to make sure the citizens of Nebraska receive the services they are entitled to.

Sincerely,



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Department of Health and Human Services

cc: Senator Mark Kolterman