



National Child Support Enforcement Association
Voice for the Child Support Community

Call to Action!

The Child Support Protection Act Needs More Senate Co-Sponsors!

Dear Fellow Child Support Professionals,

NCSEA members are making a difference on Capitol Hill! Senate support for the Child Support Protection Act (S. 1859) is gaining steam, but more needs to be done.

Your contacts with congressional offices on continuing the ability to use earned performance incentive funds as match for further child support investments has resulted in five new Senate co-sponsors in the last two weeks. As of February 3, twenty Senators are on the bill. While every member is important, there are three key groups of Senators who are not yet on the bill: those who sponsored the bill in the previous Congress; members of the Senate Budget Committee who will decide how to allocate overall pots of funding to the committees making the ultimate policy and spending decisions later this year; and, members of the Senate Finance Committee which has jurisdiction over the program. [Click Here for the Lists of Co-Sponsors from these Key Groups.](#)

The effort received a significant boost on Monday when the President submitted his proposed budget for federal fiscal year 2011. The administration is proposing a one-year extension of the ability to match the incentives, at a cost to the federal government of \$670 million. If enacted, there could be further consideration of a permanent extension during the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program and related programs next year. The Administration is proposing a one-year extension of the current TANF program. **But it is essential that the new spending be incorporated in the Senate budget resolution.**

Keep up the good work and pressure. If your Senator(s) are not yet on the bill, contact them today. To co-sponsor, their staff should call Barbara Pryor in Senator Rockefeller's (D-WV) office or Keith Franks in Senator Cornyn's (R-TX) office. A larger list of Senate co-sponsors will help demonstrate the importance of these funds in enabling child support agencies to continue their work providing support to families and children.

Sincerely,
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