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TO: All Friends of the Court
All Prosecuting Attorneys
All Child Support Specialist

FROM: Wallace N. Dutkowski, Director
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SUBJECT: Michigan Non-Support Special Project Information

PURPOSE: Update Federal Referral Process

The Michigan Non-Support Special Project, also known as Project Save Our Children, has been in existence since April, 1998. During this time the task force has grown and expanded into a national leader in criminal non-support prosecutions working with both state and federal felony cases.

In 2000, the taskforce was forced to halt federal prosecutions because of a ruling in the Timothy Gordon Faasse case. On September 14, 2001 a ruling from the United States Court of Appeals (277 F.3d 660) has allowed the taskforce to once again work on federal felony cases.

The referral process for federal felony cases has been updated to include the following:

1. Cases must be \$20,000 in arrears or more
2. Cases with special circumstances must be at least \$10,000 in arrears, previously it was \$5,000.
3. There is no longer a limit to the number of cases that can be sent per month.
4. Cases where the youngest child is over 18 cannot be referred.
5. Cases where the payer is receiving Social Security or Disability benefits cannot be referred.

Any questions concerning the project, updates in the policy or the status of cases should be directed to:

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