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Office of the Attorney General

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*1 Representative Tom G. Mangum Chairman House Ways & Means Committee 525 A Blatt Building Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Representative Mangum:

Presently pending before the House Ways and Means Committee is House Bill 2307 (Senate Bill 151). This Bill allows the State of South Carolina to keep any State Income Tax refunds owed to the taxpayer by the State as an offset against unpaid court ordered child support. The mechanism provides a highly efficient and cost-effective method of recouping welfare funds paid out by the State for the support of the children of those taxpayers. A number of our sister states and the federal government have already enacted such legislation, and it has been highly successful.

Three minor changes in this Bill have been proposed by my staff. It is proposed that the word 'may' be changed to 'shall' in the last sentence of the first paragraph of Section 12-7-2310(B) on page three of the Bill, and in the last sentence on the new subsection added to Section 43-5-220 on page five of the Bill. It is also proposed that the last sentence in Section 12-7-2310(B) be amended by changing the word 'determined' to the word 'owed,' and by deleting the comma after the word 'order' in that sentence. With these amendments, I fully endorse the passage of this Bill by the South Carolina Legislature.

Very truly yours,

T. Travis Medlock Attorney General

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