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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

We are submitting for your consideration the attached legislative proposal to supplement spending for the Department of Social Services by \$5,088,560 in Fiscal Year 1996.

The proposal is to provide additional money for social workers that would enable DSS to meet its stated goal of caseload ratios of 18 cases per social worker. Our commitment is to insure the safety of children in the care of DSS.

The supplemental spending is sought in two line items. One item, 4800-1100, would pay for 127 social workers at a cost in the current fiscal year of \$3,589,442; 25 supervisors at a cost of \$940,240; travel expenses of \$146,050; and provide \$198,750 for a foster parent needs assessment.

The second line item, 4800-0015, would pay for five lawyers at a cost of \$177,985; one paralegal at a cost of \$30,343; and \$5,750 for travel expenses. The funds in this line item will be used to improve the adoption process.

We urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act, the sums set forth in section two are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in the items, as said items are designated in said general appropriation act or herein, for the several purposes and subject of the conditions specified in said items as appearing in said general appropriation act, and subject of the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the conditions pertaining to appropriations in chapter thirty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-five, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-six or for such period as may be specified, the sums so appropriated to be in addition, unless otherwise specified, to any amounts available for the purpose.

SECTION 2.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

Department of Social Services.

4800-0015	214,078
4800-1100	4,874,482

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.