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Mr. David Ferguson, Director Bureau of Legislative Research State Capitol, Room 315 Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

In compliance with Arkansas Code Ann. §25-10-118, we are submitting a semi-annual report on the performance and progress of the Child Support Program for the period January 1, 2008, through June 30, 2008.

If you need additional information or have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dan McDonald Administrator

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Enclosure

cc: Richard Weiss, DFA Director

Tim Leathers, DFA Deputy Director John Theis, Assistant Commissioner for Policy/Legal Mike Munns, Assistant Commissioner for Operations/Administration File

Semi-Annual Report of Child Support Program January 1, 2008, through June 30, 2008

The following information is submitted in compliance with Arkansas Code Ann. §25-10-118 and summarizes certain aspects of the performance and progress of the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) for the six-month period ending June 30, 2008.

A. <u>Hospital Based Paternity Acknowledgment</u> - This program was established in October 1993 to provide information to unwed parents, while still in the hospital for childbirth, of the benefits of establishing paternity. Hospital staff assists them in completion of the necessary paperwork to acknowledge paternity if that is the parent's desire.

Paternit	y Acknowledgments Received	

01/01/07-06/30/07	01/1/08 - 06/30/08	Percent Change
5,432	5,409	-0.4%

B. <u>License Suspension Program</u> - The Office of Child Support Enforcement is authorized to suspend driver's licenses, game and fish licenses, professional and business licenses, and vehicle tags of non-custodial parents if certain conditions exist on a case.

Driver's Licenses Suspended

01/01/07-06/30/07	01/1/08 - 06/30/08	Percent Change
3,252	3,073	-5.5%

Game and Fish Licenses Suspended

01/01/07-06/30/07	<u>01/1/08 – 06/30/08</u>	Percent Change
809	714	-11.7%

Professional/Business Licenses Suspended

01/01/07-06/30/07	01/1/08 - 06/30/08	Percent Change
431	340	-21.1%

Vehicle Tags Suspended

01/01/07-06/30/07	<u>01/1/08 – 06/30/08</u>	Percent Change
631	784	+24.2%

C. Enforcement

	<u>06/30/07</u>	06/30/08	Percent Change
Enforcement Cases	122,854	122,573	+0.2%
New Cases Opened	18,247	18,774	+2.9%

D. Collections

	<u>01/01/0706/30/07</u>	<u>01/1/08 – 06/30/08</u>	Percent Change
Enforcement Collections	\$106,020,329	\$117,191,030	+10.5%
Non-Enforcement			
Collections	\$25,838,050	\$25,927,097	+0.3%
Total Collections	\$131,858,379	\$143,118,127	+8.5%