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Dear Congressperson,

As Welfare Reform moves from the special sub-committee to your full Committee, Women's Lobby urges you to focus on the special importance this legislation holds for women, especially for poor women who are faced with bringing up children alone.

Of those who are left poor in our affluent nation, over 80% are women with their children.

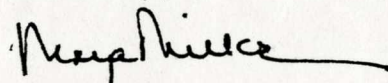
Women's Lobby believes that we cannot afford to leave these families at the mercy of a confused and often racist and sexist state-federal-local welfare system, which, with all its bureaucratic tangle and its billions of federal dollars, leaves millions of children and their mothers poor.

Welfare needs reform desperately.

Women need a basic level of subsistence to care for their children and themselves. And they need access to jobs.

Women's Lobby has been working on welfare reform for the past two years, lobbying on food stamp reform, child care, and tax reform. We hope that you will give your consideration to the information enclosed, and help these women as you make your decisions.

Sincerely,



Maya Miller
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