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Chairman Bacon, Vice-Chair Dolan, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Lisa Fay, and I am the JFS Administrator of the Portage County Job and Family Services Child Support Enforcement Division. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on Senate Bill 70.

Portage County's Child Support Division handles 9,010 child support cases, and, on average, processes 1,076 administrative orders each year (including paternity, support and termination orders). We collect over \$24 million in child support for the families of Portage County. We rely on the administrative processes to provide efficient, cost-free services to families, freeing up our court's docket space for contested cases. SB70 makes needed and necessary improvements to the administrative processes that will help us provide better services to families.

The fine-tuning of these administrative processes will be very beneficial to our county, and will improve consistency statewide. I ask for your support in moving it through committee to the Senate floor for passage. As you have heard in the testimony from Amy Roehrenbeck and Traci Berry, many of the recommendations in SB70 came from the report of the Child Support Shareholders Reform Group of 2002, and we believe it is time to finally get these loopholes and inconsistencies addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

