

Dear Senator Smith and the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My name is Adonis Adkins Jr, a resident of District 45. I am asking you to support SB 16.

Capping child support garnishment at 25% for individuals earning less than approximately \$40,000 per year is absolutely critical. Between rent, gas, food, and taxes, people earning under \$40,000 are already left with little to nothing and that's before child support is even factored in.

The current system forces these non-custodial parents into an impossible choice: either don't pay child support and face the consequences, or pay child support and end up on the brink of homelessness. This is not a real choice.

Let me be clear: paying child support is a necessity. Non-custodial parents absolutely should be held accountable for supporting their children. But they cannot be pushed to the point of homelessness, because if they are, they won't be able to pay child support at all. We'll be left with the same problem we're trying to fix: non-custodial parents not paying child support.

This bill doesn't let anyone off the hook—it creates a system where people can actually be accountable over the long term instead of being crushed in the short term.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 16. This is about creating a child support system that actually works for children by ensuring their parents can survive while they pay.

Thank you.