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COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Case Type: Civil

In Re Temporary Funding of Core  
Function of the Executive Branch  
Of the State of Minnesota

Court File No.: 62-cv-11-5203  
(Judge Gearin)

**AFFIDAVIT OF  
TERRY BICKNELL**

STATE OF MINNESOTA            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF STEARNS         )

Terry Bicknell, being under oath, states as follows:

1. My name is Terry Bicknell. I live at 1121 9th Ave North St Cloud, MN 56303. I make this affidavit based on personal knowledge.
2. I have been a licensed family child care provider for 17 years in St. Cloud, MN.
3. I currently care for 6 families. Three of the six families are enrolled in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP).
4. If the benefits from CCAP were cut off during a government shutdown, the parents of the children I care for through CCAP would not be able to go to work, and therefore would face losing their jobs.
5. For example, one of my parents makes minimum wage -- just \$7.25 per hour. She is happy to have this job, but on the minimum wage she cannot afford child care without the CCAP subsidy. The income my parents earn in entry-level jobs does not give them enough to pay for child care and all the everyday living expenses.

6. As the sole provider for my family, I too would face financial hardship. I would lose half of my income and, within a short span of time, would face bankruptcy if CCAP payments were disrupted by a government shutdown.
7. Without the \$643 I earn from CCAP every two weeks – 50% of my total earnings -- I would be unable to meet the costs of my child care program, which includes not only money for the space, utilities, and supplies, but also a substantial up-front cost for food. In a typical month, I exceed my food program budget by up to \$150 per month.
8. I would have to close my doors to meet the needs of my own family. Without CCAP income, I could not make my house payment -- \$1023 per month – and would be forced into foreclosure. We would also face losing internet and the use of our car, given the costs of insurance and gas. If we lose the house, we lose my business, because I would not have a place to offer child care. I would be unemployed, hoping to find a job in a really bad job market.
9. My income is particularly important because I need to support my 14-year-old son who has complex medical problems. My family currently relies on MinnesotaCare and, if I lost my child care income, we would need even more assistance from the government. I know without our house and health care assistance my son will be in a great deal of pain and I would slowly lose him. I'm very scared for the future of my family if the Child Care Assistance Program was disrupted by a government shutdown; if MinnesotaCare is also cut off, we would be in crisis.
10. The Child Care Assistance program is vital to helping low-income families find and keep jobs so they can move out of the cycle of poverty. I am proud of my role helping these families succeed in my community.

11. The above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Terry Bicknell  
St. Cloud, Minnesota  
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

  
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Terry Bicknell

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 22, 2011.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

