

CHILD SUPPORT DEMAND LETTER

[YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME] [YOUR ADDRESS]

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

[RECIPIENT S NAME] [RECIPIENT S ADDRESS]

Re: Demand for Payment of Child Support Arrears — Case No. [CHILD SUPPORT CASE DOCKET NUMBER]

Dear [RECIPIENT S NAME]:

This letter constitutes a formal demand for payment of **child support arrears** owed pursuant to a court-ordered child support obligation.

I. The Support Order

Pursuant to the child support order entered on **** by the [ISSUING COURT E G SUPERIOR COURT], Case No. [CHILD SUPPORT CASE DOCKET NUMBER] (the "Support Order"), you are legally obligated to pay court-ordered child support for the benefit of the minor child(ren) identified therein.

II. Factual Background and Arrears

[FACTUAL BACKGROUND DATES EVENTS AGREEMENT CONTEXT]

As of the date of this letter, you are in arrears in the amount of **\$0.00**, representing unpaid support accrued during [PERIOD DURING WHICH ARREARS ACCRUED E], plus statutory interest.

III. Legal Authority

Child support arrears are a **judgment by operation of law** upon accrual, accrue **statutory interest** (typically 7%–10% per annum depending on jurisdiction), are **non-dischargeable in bankruptcy** under 11 U.S.C. §523(a)(5), and are enforceable through all of the following mechanisms:

- **Income withholding** (42 U.S.C. §666);
- **Federal and state tax-refund intercept** (42 U.S.C. §664);
- **License suspension** (driver's, professional, recreational);
- **Credit-bureau reporting**;
- **Passport denial** (42 U.S.C. §652(k));
- **Liens** against real and personal property;

- **Contempt of court** and incarceration;
- **Federal criminal prosecution** under the Deadbeat Parents Punishment Act, **18 U.S.C. §228**, for willful non-payment of support for a child residing in another state exceeding one year or \$5,000.

IV. Federal Enforcement — Title IV-D and 18 U.S.C. §228

18 U.S.C. §228 criminalizes willful failure to pay past-due support. Title IV-D of the Social Security Act authorizes the state child-support enforcement agency to pursue all available enforcement measures, including interstate enforcement under UIFSA.

V. Demand

You are **DEMANDED** to remit **\$0.00** within **14 (fourteen) days** of receipt of this letter, by cashier's check, wire transfer, or payment through the [STATE] State Disbursement Unit.

[SPECIFIC ACTION S DEMANDED PAY RETURN]

VI. Consequences of Non-Payment

If we do not receive compliance by the deadline, we will pursue all available legal remedies without further notice, including filing suit to recover the amount owed plus interest, costs, and attorneys' fees where permitted.

Failure to comply will result in immediate referral to the [STATE] Title IV-D child-support enforcement agency, filing of a **motion for contempt** and **income withholding order**, and pursuit of every enforcement remedy available under state and federal law, including federal criminal referral where warranted.

Sincerely,

[YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME]

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE