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**Constituent Letter Submission - HHS freezing federal childcare assistance**

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To: langworthywatch@gmail.com

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Thank you for contacting me to express your concerns regarding the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) freezing federal childcare assistance. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.


As you know, on January 6, 2026, HHS temporarily froze access to the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) for New York. HHS has stated that this action was taken due to concerns about program oversight and management, and access to these funds is contingent upon the state submitting additional documentation to address those concerns. Presently, there has been no legislation introduced in the House related to this funding freeze.

While I understand your concerns about the funding pause, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, of which I am a proud Member, recently uncovered a massive fraud scandal in Minnesota, where over \$8.5 billion in federal taxpayer dollars were misused. This temporary funding pause by HHS ensures that similar issues do not occur in New York, where oversight of federal funds is also limited. Governor Hochul and the New York State government can secure the immediate release of these funds by being fully transparent and providing all necessary documentation to address any concerns about fraud.

Taxpayer dollars demand the highest level of care. Protecting these dollars is not optional – it is our constitutional responsibility. Every taxpayer and every recipient of these programs deserve strong safeguards to ensure these funds are used properly. Although we may not see eye to eye on this issue, rest assured that should the House consider future legislation related to this funding freeze, I will keep your thoughts in mind.

Once again, thank you for contacting me about this issue. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any additional questions, comments, or concerns. My door is always open, and I am honored to serve Western New York and the Southern Tier in Washington.

Sincerely,

Signature Image  


**Rep. Nicholas A. Langworthy**  
**Member of Congress**

Sent from my iPhone

