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Alvin Garrett
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RE: Case #_____

Mr. Garrett,

By way of introduction, let me state that the Texas Home School Coalition Association is a statewide advocacy organization for home educators, with almost 60,000 families on our mailing list. As the home school advocacy organization for the state of Texas, we act as a liaison with state and federal agencies in regard to issues related to home education. In fact, the state department of education, the Texas Education Agency, frequently refers calls received by that agency regarding home education to our organization for verification or resolution.

Ms. L___ G_____ is a member of our association and home schools her son, G_____ W_____. G_____ is currently a high school junior, and the home school program in which he is enrolled meets all the provisions required by the state of Texas. His expected date of graduation is May 30, 2015.

Mr. Garrett, home schools have been determined by the courts of Texas to be private schools. According to Texas Family Code §154.002, child support may continue beyond the age of eighteen through high school graduation if the child is a full-time student pursuing a high school diploma in a private school. Policy in the attorney general's office is clear on this point, and Ms. G_____'s legal right to child support under Texas law should be recognized and fulfilled. G_____'s father, E_____ R___, does not contest the support and in fact is in full agreement with Ms. G_____.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further, I would be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Tim Lambert

Tim Lambert, President

CC: L___ G_____, State Senator Bob Deuell, State Representative Cindy Burkett

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