

January 13, 2020

Senator Jesse Stone 325-A Coverdell Legislative Office Building Atlanta, GA 30334 <u>Jesse.stone@senate.ga.gov</u>

Re: Support of Proposed Wage Garnishment Legislative Changes

Dear Chairman Stone:

The American Payroll Association (APA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on proposed changes to current Georgia garnishment law. APA members' companies employ thousands of Georgia residents and their products and services affect or influence countless more in Georgia and throughout the world. As payroll professionals, APA members are directly responsible for processing thousands of wage garnishments in Georgia annually.

The proposed garnishment legislation expanding the duration of wage garnishments in this state would be a tremendous savings of time and resources and, in its most recent version, also offers additional protections to our members and their companies from unwarranted or accidental liability.

APA strongly supports the adoption of this proposal into a bill and the adoption of the bill into the law of Georgia. We request and thank you for any assistance you can give toward that goal.

## The American Payroll Association

APA is a nonprofit professional association representing more than 20,000 payroll professionals and the needs of their employers in the United States. APA has 680 members in Georgia and members throughout the country who pay employees in Georgia. APA's primary mission is to educate its members and the payroll industry regarding best practices associated with paying America's workers while complying with applicable federal, state, and local laws. In addition, APA's Government Relations Task Force works with the legislative and executive branches of government to help payroll professionals understand their legal obligations and minimize the administrative burden on government, employers, and individual workers.

The GRTF Subcommittee on Child Support and Other Garnishments seeks legislative and regulatory solutions to improve garnishment processes and procedures and create standardization among states. In turn, these improvements increase compliance levels for the benefit of all stakeholders. APA would be pleased to discuss this proposal and the role of employers in wage garnishments with you further. Please contact Corri Flores at 909-971-5858, <u>corrinne.flores@adp.com</u>, or William Dunn at 202-232-6889, <u>bdunn@americanpayroll.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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