UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA **TAMPA DIVISION**

Cause No.: HOWSE ex rel. alia v. PLANNED PARENTHOOD, et al.,) Class Action Complaint Plaintiffs and Defendants.) Injunctive Relief Sought)) Constitutional Challenge and, HOWSE and *ex rel. alia* v. UNITED STATES,

Cross-Plaintiffs and Cross-Defendant.

) Demand for Jury Trial

Declaration on Proposed "Harvest Time" Program

(See Complaint, re: Economic Relief Packages)

Comes now Relator ex rel. the fifty (50) State and Commonwealth Plaintiffs, in light of serious national security matters exposed by contemporaneous Complaint and other relevant matters filed also herein, respectfully declaring the following relief in proposal:

COMMON INTRODUCTION

This proposal document is one of a working pair, designed for implementation in full tandem, together resolving the two (2) fundamental economic problems of our American welfare system, in that: (a) there has been, and still is, *vast* and rampant fraud, waste and abuse of our various welfare systems, issues addressed by this Declaration on Proposed "Harvest Time" Program; and (b), the very nature of our current system wrongfully and endlessly just gives away America's wealth, without getting virtually anything in return on investment ("ROI"), so the nature of welfare, *itself*, must change into providing us a good ROI, issues addressed by the Declaration on Proposed "America Works" Program.

This "Harvest Time" program cleans out most all fraud, waste and abuse from welfare systems, and primarily blesses that one-half of the citizenry that *have* been able to work and pay taxes into the overall system, while those that *have not* been able to work and pay taxes into the overall system are the one-half of citizenry primarily blessed by the "America Works" program, which creates a new welfare system of free (subsidized) jobs, instead of just free money, throughout the entire realm of various national infrastructures, all of which are literally beyond desperation level, in need of repairs, upgrades, and etc.

Reliable, concurrent data on total welfare and welfare fraud statistics for America is very difficult to obtain online. Even our government agencies don't appear to know and understand the total picture.... Relator used an investigative team of researchers to then finally accumulate, using only facts and figures from 2008-2012, this spreadsheet matrix¹ in total welfare and welfare fraud, in comparison to recent media reports of now slightly over \$1 trillion being spent in total federal and state welfare, exampled here² and here³, which can be further compared against a reliable breakdown of the 2012 federal budget⁴.

While credit card companies must keep fraud rates to fractions of a *single* percent, just to survive, our typical welfare fraud rate bleeds 10-25% in most programs. Further, the overall data indicates that total welfare spending is actually more like \$1.5 trillion, with total welfare fraud ranging *at least* one-fourth trillion to one-third trillion dollars. These figures do <u>not</u> count the \$627.2 billion of normal, regular retiree form of Social Security (OASI) as part of the total \$1.5T welfare, but <u>do</u> count OASI fraud in the total of fraud.

¹ http://www.editgrid.com/user/indianacrc/welfare

² http://www.foxbusiness.com/government/2012/10/18/trillion-dollar-cost-welfare

³ http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2012/10/18/welfare-spending-topped-1-trillion-in-2011-study-shows

⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2012_United_States_federal_budget#Total_revenues_and_spending

Reputable estimates indicate roughly \$3-4 trillion in infrastructure spending is needed for *existing* systems (roads, bridges, buses, trains, water, sewer, electricity, natural gas, telephones, etc.), adding \$2-3 trillion to invoke the *newer* technologies (solar and wind power, "tube" rail, "smart" grids, etc.), and investing another trillion into nuclear power.

The DOL, the SSA, the IRS, and other agencies have established codes to classify jobs of every sort imaginable. If they are not already standardized, they will be immediately made so across the board, made uniform for all federal, state and local government units.

All the above is common introduction to the tandem relief programs proposed herein, and the Dept. of Labor (DOL) shall be the ultimate "gatekeeper" in all necessary aspects.

Details for this half of the total welfare overhaul and transformation program follow:

THE HARVEST TIME PROGRAM

The "Harvest Time" program uses massive citizen/taxpayer voluntary participation, in exchange for an IRS \$500 rebate check eventually issued back to that participant, to first donate \$25 of non-perishable food items to, and work one (1) hour of volunteer labor at, any of the tens of thousands of neighborhood churches in our nation that are part of either of the two largest U.S. "food bank" networks, Feeding America and Operation Blessing.

The qualifying participant gets affirming signatures for completing those two (2) items at the given church, upon a standard single-sheet form containing also a small amount of personal information relevant to helping clean up welfare databases, current residence is also confirmed by photo ID, then the participant drops off said completed form at any of three (3) certain types of local government offices for processing. After the IRS confirms the prior four (4) years' minimum tax qualification, it then issues the \$500 rebate check. Relator calculates between 150-165 million Americans will be eligible to participate, but that only between 130-145 million Americans will actually follow-through and do it.

Still, with *well over* one hundred million brand new, fresh and current data records to work with, surely modern software algorithms can compare all sorts of things, and our governmental welfare systems can be purged of some 80-90% (or better?) of the ancient, duplicate, erred, false, fraudulent, and other bad data that completely engulfs our current, horribly-flawed systems, not to mention also dramatically updating and refreshing them.

At a one-time cost of under \$75 billion in rebates for the participants, we *not only* get to save 80-90% of roughly one-quarter trillion to one-third trillion dollars, but we get to save roughly that much again *next* year, and the year after *that*, and so on – plus – we get to also generate roughly \$3.5 billion in total new non-perishable food donations for all the hungry, already and coincidentally distributed right where it needs to be, *everywhere*, which also then dramatically reduces the current burden upon our food stamp welfare.

But, the exponential benefits don't just stop there. Paying for itself in double or triple terms the first year, and triple to quadruple *again* each year after, is a fantastic program to start with. Getting a free bonus to *also* dramatically slash nationwide food stamp costs at the same time is a very nice icing on that cake, too. Now, add 130+ million man-hours of free volunteer labor, pre-distributed and available all over the nation, into that equation.

For their reliable and trustworthy pre-administration services over all of the people and forms being submitted for rebates, each food bank church will benefit in return from all the (overwhelming) volunteer labor made available, asking that it use *at least* 50% of all such labor to serve its own local community (help the poor, clean up sidewalk paths, pick up trash along designated routes, repair playgrounds and parks, provide leadership for local youth sports and academic programs, host bake sales or other events that donate all proceeds to a local public need, plant a community garden, and so forth and so on), and each same food bank church may assign up to the other 50% of its free man-hours for its own buildings and grounds, updating church membership data, or whatever else might be reasonable. Indeed, most churches will go *well* beyond 50% for the local community.

And so, with a surge of investing 70-90 million man-hours directly into community revitalization and assistance programs, we will *once again* alleviate dramatic amounts of taxpayer monies otherwise being used up within the burdens of various social services, plus also be able to help millions of people get back onto a better track for prosperity.

Therefore, a one-time \$75 billion rebate program used to clean up our welfare system databases **not only** pays for itself, *several* times over in just the first couple/few years, it **also** creates \$3.5 billion in pre-distributed food to the needy, revitalizes our communities, and saves tons of taxes being currently spent upon food stamps and other social services, *plus*, it also puts spending money directly into the hands of over 130 million consumers, who will spend it, causing more economic growth and various other byproduct benefits.

The only as-yet-unknown to this entire proposal is simply what kind of information, exactly, should each participant include (answer) upon said form? In other words, what is the "least common denominator" set of information used by all or virtually all of our various welfare systems to properly identify people and avoid fraud? And/or, what are the critical key descriptors needed, as in personal, historical, medical, or otherwise, that will create the most "bang for the buck" in unique identifications and rooting out waste?

Obviously, this is best answered in collaboration by various federal agencies, and the DOL, as the aforementioned gatekeeper, will have the ultimate, final say and approval in exactly what set of information goes on said form, because it will also be an official DOL form, as a "pdf fill-in" form, and made available freely to the public, but **only** online (on the Internet, i.e., upon DOL's own websites, and any other federal and/or state websites that DOL approves for hosting said form), and that same form will be limited in length to the front and back of a single sheet of printed Letter (8.5" x 11") paper, with font types the same as, and font sizes not smaller than, those used within current IRS 1040EZ tax forms, without any colors or color-shading used, as they are intended for black-and-white printing only, also pre-including areas or blocks of information for handwriting by two (2) different members/leaders of said church, one to confirm the participant's donation of at least \$25 in qualifying food items by handwriting the store receipt's total amount and adding his or her own attesting signature, with date attested, and the other area or block to confirm the participant's completion of volunteer labor in some worthy endeavor by then handwriting a one-to-three word description of the volunteerism, checking either of two provided boxes for indicating whether the labor was performed for the church itself or for the community at large, and for the church representative attesting by his or her signature.

THE ACTUAL REBATE PROCESS, DETAILED

First, the citizen must self-determine if he or she is likely to qualify and be eligible to participate in this "Harvest Time" program. He or she must: (a) be an adult citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, or legally emancipated; (b) have current photo ID, as in a driver's license, state ID card, or equivalent governmental proof of identification;

and lastly (c), over the past four tax years in total, have paid *into* the IRS at least \$2500 more than received *from* the IRS. This is a low threshold, on purpose. Almost all people who actually pay federal taxes on their income, whether by paycheck deductions or by self-paying estimated taxes, even if they get a refund next year, still have *some* sizable amount of their total withholdings and/or estimated payments permanently kept by the Federal Government and not ever refunded, as the share of taxes they owed and paid. If that kept-and-never-refunded amount equals at least a minimum of \$2500 "net" paid into the IRS, after all said and done over the past four tax years (2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011, which were due on or about April 15th of 2009, 2010, 2011, and this year, respectively), then that person, who also pre-qualified under (a) and (b) above, is eligible to participate.

It doesn't matter if the person has received any social security, unemployment, food stamps, or any other federal, state or local assistance, whatsoever. The only things that count are the last few lines upon every federal tax form – totals of payments already paid into the IRS system, versus totals of credits to offset IRS taxes. It doesn't even matter whether the person got any federal refund(s) and/or had to pay a little more on April 15th. All that matters is if the IRS system has been able to keep at least \$2500 in taxes from the person, in total "net" paid, during the past four tax years. If <u>true</u>, the person is eligible to participate in this "Harvest Time" program, as a good citizen at least *trying* to maintain work and pay his or her fair share of taxes into the overall system, even in difficult times.

Citizens who have been *primarily* living off of welfare generally pay little or no taxes, or sometimes even get federal refunds when they've paid no taxes. These people will not qualify for this program, but are designed for blessing via the "America Works" program.

Once a pre-qualifying person under (a) and (b) has self-determined they are also fully eligible as having paid enough federal taxes under (c) for participation in this program, he or she will then do and complete all of the following steps, in purposed order:

1. The person will ensure that their own qualifying photo ID matches their current, actual residential address. It is the person's own responsibility to update their driver's license, their State ID card, or equivalent, with their correct address **prior** to signatures added upon the form by either church or government personnel, who *both* check ID.

2. Go online to the Internet using a computer with an attached and working printer, to either the DOL website(s) or any DOL-sanctioned website having the official form and a method to view/search the official DOL list of all recognized job codes (*supra*, at 3);

3. Completely fill out the form on the computer, with all required information spaces regarding the person himself or herself fully completed as indicated, leaving blank the areas reserved for signatures, for church personnel, and for the government personnel. At the very top of the form shall be the area for the person to fill in his or her full birth name and date of birth, last federal tax filing "status" (head-of-household, single, etc.), and if married then any newer surname if different from birth surname, the person's full current residential address (no PO boxes, etc.), the person's Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number, and the person's best matching official DOL job code;

4. Print out the completed form, including separate printings of page 1 as "front" and page 2 as "back" onto a single sheet of normal Letter-sized (8.5" x 11") paper, in black ink only. The DOL shall provide the various reasonable instructions to complete and to print the form, either inside/attached to the form, and/or upon its sanctioned websites;

5. The participant purchases no less than \$25.00 in qualifying non-perishable food items to be donated at the intended food bank network church, which total may include up to \$5.00 in powdered drink mixes, such as instant coffee, instant tea, Kool-Aid, or similar products. "Non-perishable" means that the food item has a shelf life in terms of at least weeks, if not months. Fresh produce, bread, meats and so forth are not included. The person might buy a \$5.49 jar of instant coffee, but only \$5.00 counts as the limit, and so the person will have to buy yet a full \$20.00 of other non-perishable food items. All donated food and drink items must be purchased at a regular, normal-priced store for groceries, and not any purchased at higher-priced convenience stores, gas stations, gift shops, or anything similar, and all items will be standard can, bag, box, canister or other bulk items, i.e., no single-servings, assortments, or individually-wrapped pieces. In all cases, the general idea is to obtain the most value of product for the money spent, and it is the person's own responsibility to get **clear and legible** printed receipt(s), as they will be absolutely required for reasonable proof of <u>recent</u> purchase in the next step;

6. The person then takes his or her current photo ID, the completed form, the food items purchased, and the clear and legible printed receipt(s), all to the intended church, gives the food items to the church's assigned representative, who will visually confirm everything is in order, including checking ID and that the form appears to be completed, confirming the food/drink items qualify and were purchased at reasonable value from a normal, locally-familiar grocery store, Wal-Mart, Meijer's, or whatever, and then also by handwriting the total in donated amount, and attesting their own dated signature, into the food section of the form, both in light-to-medium <u>blue</u> ink (no dark/blackish blues);

7. That same assigned church representative, who just confirmed the food donation portion of participation, is to immediately then also either: direct the person in their volunteer one (1) hour of labor, right then and there on the spot at said church; or else simply add the person's name and best contact information (email addresses or phone numbers only – the church is not allowed to gather or keep any other participant info) onto their growing list, for sporadic scheduling of volunteer groups, to perform group labor upon whatever church and/or community projects later. Full discretion is at the church's pleasure, whether to immediately assign labor on the spot, or to schedule for later on, but if scheduled for future completion of labor in group, the group labor event must be scheduled for no later than fourteen (14) days after just confirming a person's proper food donation. The church does not keep or use the form. The person keeps the form to their self at all times, and when the volunteer labor portion of participation is completed, a designated representative of that same church will handwrite in a short, one-to-three word description of the volunteer labor performed, and date and sign the form in the corresponding section, again, both done in similar light-to-medium blue ink;

8. Upon completing both participation steps, the person then takes their completed form, and their proper photo ID, to visit one (1) of these three (3) types of government offices: (i) the person's own, nearby Social Security Administration office, respective and corresponding to the person's residential address; (ii) the nearby health department, family services department, or wherever else (again, matching the person's residential address) that welfare, food stamps, and similar assistance benefits are personally interviewed for, face-to-face by actual humans, i.e., actual government employees; or

(iii), the nearby unemployment benefits office and/or government-run office for job sign-ups and placements, again, where it is the face-to-face type of location with actual government human employees, and corresponding to the person's residential address;

9. The person will then present their fully-completed rebate form with their proper photo ID to the next available such social services employee, i.e., the government agent behind the counter, desk or kiosk, who will visually confirm everything, including the person to their photo ID, plus properly matching residential addresses, and then date and sign or stamp that governmental office's verification upon the last line(s) provided. The government agent will then make one (1) black-and-white copy of the full form and give that to the person to keep for the person's own records, retaining the original for further processing by governmental units until the rebate is issued within six (6) weeks.

ADDENDA

Besides the detailed personal information required at the top of the form, along with the official DOL job code that the person feels best suits their own main work function, there should be an area designated for the optional inclusion of "direct deposit" account information, and to strongly encourage cost savings through electronic processing, there should be an automatic deduction in \$25.00 fee, if the person stays with a paper check.

Married persons who have filed jointly upon their federal taxes may also participate in this program by the donation and volunteerism process of either spouse, but will need to also complete full, corresponding information for the other spouse upon the same form, hence DOL should arrange personal information area(s) to provide for similar situations, like also for taxpayers with *adult* dependents (college students, seniors, disabled, etc.). This "Harvest Time" program to clean up our nation's welfare databases is intended to be implemented as fast as possible, and, in any event, beginning no later than January 1, 2013, running continuously until ending on June 28, 2013, the form submission deadline.

All participants' food donations and volunteer labor sessions must obviously be done reasonably prior to that date, so starting on June 14, 2013, the churches may not schedule ahead volunteer labor sessions, but will need to provide for immediate, on-the-spot labor.

Again, the DOL is to be the prime gatekeeper and in overall charge of both tandem programs, including also the "America Works" program for administering subsidized jobs within all manner of important infrastructure projects across the nation. The DOL is to promptly develop, finish and publish the rebate form, including reasonable instructions for participants to complete and print, and the DOL will publish the official job code list.

Relator *ex rel.* the fifty (50) State and Commonwealth Plaintiffs, in light of serious national economic security matters, declares all the above in recommended proposal as one portion of the economic relief demanded by Verified Complaint in this case, leaving to the indicated and respective officials to so cause the above-described implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

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