## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20210



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On August 9, 1:72, we wrote to you concerning the laws of the State of Minnesota pertaining to the garnishment of earnings. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your ready reference.

Since that time we have continued to receive information that the garmishment susmons forms prescribed in \$5571.47 and 571.48 of Chapter 571 of the Minnesota Code are causing garmishments in excess of the amount permitted by Title III of the Consumer Credit Protection Act. When individuals have requested our assistance, we have handled these matters administratively on a case-by-case tasis to insure compliance with the Federal law. However, the majority of those individuals garmished under \$5571.47 and 571.48 are unaware of the protection provided by the Federal law and fail to receive its protection.

Therefore, in discharging our responsibilities for compliance with Title III, it is urgent that we know what steps you have taken to implement the suggestions given in our August 9th letter. Please give this matter your prompt attention so that we may have your reply by November 30, 1572.

we nope that we can work together in this matter as an expression of voluntary State-Federal cooperation. To this end we offer you every possible assistance.

Sincerely,

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