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2 Jennifer Boler, Department of Human
3 Services. I'm here today to collect
4 comments for the Childcare Development
5 Fund State Plan for federal fiscal year
6 2013 to 2015.

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8 comments will be recorded by the court
9 reporter. The questions and comments
10 will be read and considered before the
11 final plan is submitted to the
12 Administration For Children and
13 Families.

14 I will call the names of those that
15 signed in to make their comments. You
16 will need to come to the microphone and
17 state your name and organization. You
18 will have five minutes to state your

19 comments.

20 The audience needs to hold their
21 applause and outspoken remarks so the
22 court reporter can accurately record the
23 comments of the person speaking. Any
24 act of inappropriate conduct will be
25 removed from the facility.

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1 And if you have a written statement
2 and do not wish to speak, you may give
3 those to me, and they will be added.

4 (PAUSE.)

5 MS. BOLER: At this time, we do not
6 have any attendees. So we will go off
7 record until they arrive.

8 (OFF THE RECORD.)

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10 Jennifer Boler of the Mississippi
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19 final plan is submitted to the
20 Administration For Children and
21 Families.

22 Ms. Cassandra Welchlin, if you
23 would, please come to the front and
24 state your name and organization, and
25 you will have five minutes to speak.

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1 MS. WELCHLIN: Thank you. I'm
2 Cassandra Welchlin, the Mississippi Low
3 Income Childcare Initiative, and I have
4 a few comments to be made. The first
5 comment is we, the Low Income Childcare
6 Initiative, along with childcare
7 providers and parents across the State

8 continually object -- or continues to
9 object to the finger scanning eChildcare
10 system. We think, again, that it is
11 cumbersome, a waste of money. And given
12 we have a little over 9,000 children
13 that need to be served, we believe that
14 money would be well spent in that
15 capacity.

16 Secondly, as it relates to the
17 state plan, we noticed there is some
18 discrepancies on the Department of Human
19 Services website and the Secretary of
20 State's website.

21 On page 29, Section 2.1.2, the
22 table that states, "Who issues
23 payments," the Department of Human
24 Service's website states that the lead
25 agency contracts with Xerox for

1 electronic childcare attendance systems
2 based on attendance recorded by

3 Mississippi eChildcare system.

4 The lead agency approves payments
5 that is issued by direct deposit to
6 pilot and slot contract providers from
7 Xerox. And on the Secretary of State's
8 website, in that same paragraph, it says
9 that the lead agency approves payment
10 that is issued to -- approves payment
11 that is issued by direct deposit to
12 providers from Xerox.

13 So -- and one is saying deposits --
14 direct deposits to the pilot and slot
15 contract providers, and that's on DHS's
16 website. But in the Secretary of
17 State's website, it states that direct
18 deposits will be made to providers.

19 So there is some discrepancy
20 between the two, and that language needs
21 to be cleared up. However, the state --
22 the hearing shouldn't even be taking
23 place, because the economic impact
24 statement has not even -- hasn't been
25 released.

1 So, therefore, that needs to happen
2 before any of these things happen. And
3 that's it. Thank you.

4 MS. BOLER: Thank you,
5 Ms. Welchlin. At this time, we don't
6 have any other attendees in the audience
7 to speak. So we will go off record
8 until they arrive.

9 (OFF THE RECORD.)

10 MS. BOLER: At this time, we are
11 back on record, and we haven't had any
12 other attendees. So we will conclude
13 the hearing.

14 (END OF PROCEEDINGS.)

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19 24th day of September, 2013.

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