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Ms. Mary Cohen
Director of Legislation
Administration for Children and Families
Aerospace Building

370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW Washington, DC 20447-0001

RE:

(b) (6)

Dear Ms. Cohen:

Some time ago I contacted your office regarding the above referenced constituent. In reviewing my files, I have discovered that it has been some time since I have received an update on the status of (b) (6) case.

I would greatly appreciate any additional information regarding this case which may have developed since your last correspondence, a copy of which is enclosed for your quick reference. Please contact Tina McIntosh in my district office at 770-565-4839 with any new developments.

Thank you for your time and assistance as we try to resolve this matter.

Yours truly,

Tom Price, M.D.

Member of Congress

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Enclosure(s)

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Details Attachments Headers Source Message HTML From: (b) (6) com" < (b) (6) com> Date: 12/22/2008 4:01:24 PM To: "ga06ima@mail.house.gov" <ga06ima@mail.house.gov> Cc: Subject: Message for Tom Price - Website Form your office was kind enough to assist me in the recent past with collecting past due Child Support payments. Unfortunately, payments have stopped again with no payment since 11/20/08. We are 2 days away from Christmas and I had hopped a payment would be forthcoming but it appears to not be the case and lack of funds is impacting the Christmas Holidays for my children. Please HELP.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Office of the Assistant Secretary, Suite 600 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20447

AUG 2 5 2008

The Honorable Tom Price, M.D. U.S. House of Representatives 3730 Roswell Road, Suite 50 Marietta, Georgia 30062

Dear Representative Price:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) who wrote to you for help with receiving court-ordered child support. The noncustodial parent, (b) (6) lives in Florida.

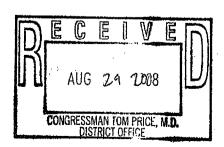
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I hope this information will be helpful to you and your constituent. Please call me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Schneider

Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families



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PRIVACY RELEASE FORM Congressman Tom Price

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The Honorable Tom Price, M.D. Member, U.S. House of Representatives 3730 Roswell Road, Suite 50 Marietta, Georgia 30062

Dear Representative Price:

Thank you for your follow-up letter on behalf of your constituent. (b) (6) who wrote to you for help because her child support payments stopped in November 2008. The noncustodial parent lives in Florida.

A member of my staff contacted the Florida Child Support Enforcement Program and was told that two payments were posted to (b) (6) child support account in January. However, since payments had stopped again, the agency petitioned the court for a contempt hearing, which is scheduled for April 14, 2009.

I hope this information will be helpful to you and your constituent. Please call me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Donna J. Bonar

Acting Commissioner

Office of Child Support Enforcement

	PRIVACY RELEASE FORM
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Roswell, GA 30075 770-565-7570 FAX

The Honorable Tom Price Member, U.S. House of Representatives 85-C Mill Street, Suite 300 Roswell, GA 30075

Dear Representative Price:

I am responding to your inquiry received June 26, 2013, on behalf of your constituent, regarding concerns she has about her child support case. A member of my staff contacted the Georgia Child Support Enforcement agency and the Connecticut Bureau of Child Support Enforcement to obtain information about child support case. The Georgia agency's records show that was informed when staff initiated an interstate case with the Connecticut agency. The Georgia agency had to involve the Connecticut agency because the noncustodial parent was living there and was not paying his child support obligation as ordered. The Georgia agency does not have jurisdiction over the noncustodial parent, so it asked the Connecticut agency to assist with enforcement of I child support order. has an arrears-only case. The Georgia court set an arrears repay amount of \$10,000 each month. After the child support order was registered for enforcement in Connecticut, a contempt hearing was held on April 17, 2012. At that time, the Connecticut Magistrate partially suspended payment on the Georgia order and set a contempt order payable at \$200 each week. The amount was set in accordance to what the Magistrate determined to be the noncustodial parent's ability to pay at that time, based on his income.

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Page 2 – The Honorable Tom Price

Both the Georgia and the Connecticut agencies' records show that they have reviewed all actions and procedures taken on case and ensured that the law has been followed.

I hope this information is helpful to you and your constituent. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact our office again.

Sincerely,

Vicki Turetsky

Commissioner

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Ms. Mary Cohen Director of Legislation Administration for Children and Families Aerospace Building 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW Washington, DC 20447-0001

Dear Ms. Cohen:

My constituent, (b) (6) (re: Ex-husband, (b) (6) DOB: (b) (6) has contacted me regarding a problem she is having. Please find enclosed a copy of her correspondence.

Please verify the status of this situation and provide me with any information that I may use to properly assist my constituent. Please forward all correspondence to my district office at 3730 Roswell Rd., Suite 50, Marietta, GA 30062.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours truly,

Tom Price, M.D.

Member of Congress

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Sincerely,

Daniel C. Schneider

Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families



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The Honorable Tom Price, M.D. Member, U.S. House of Representatives 3730 Roswell Road, Suite 50 Marietta, GA 30062

Dear Representative Price:
I am responding to your inquiry dated November 7, 2012, on behalf of your constituent regarding her difficulty collecting past-due child support from the noncustodial parent,
A member of my staff contacted the Florida Child Support Enforcement agency to obtain information about child support case. The Florida agency cannot identify an employer or any other source of income for Mr. The last known employer for him was reported in the fourth quarter of 2010. The agency's records show his driver's license was suspended on March 31, 2008.
The Florida agency is using all enforcement remedies available to enforce the child support order. As of December 20, 2012. Child support balance is \$42,185.51. His balance has been submitted to the state and federal tax offset, bank levy, and passport denial programs and is being reported to the credit bureaus.
I hope this information is helpful to you and your constituent. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact our office again.
Sincerely,

Jenniber C. Qurnazzasti-Commissioner

Office of Child Support Enforcement

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Please see attached for an official congressional request from Rep. Tom Price's office that requires a controlled responses from Exec Sec.

Thank you!

Jason A. Wittemen
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U.S. Representative Tom Price, M.D.

Sixth Congressional District of Georgia

3730 Roswell Road, Suite 50 Marietta, GA 30062 Phone: (770) 565-4990 Fax: (770) 565-7570

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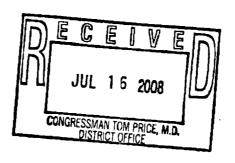


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ATTENTION: TINA MCINTOSH

Brevard County Florida Case # (b) (6)



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(b) (6) Should your office require additional support documentation regarding statements made herein, please do not hesitate to call me and I will fax them to your office.



Any assistance your office can provide for us in resolving this issue is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Sincerely,



Brevard County Florida Case # (b) (6)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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SEP 0 2 2008

The Honorable Tom Price U.S. House of Representatives 3730 Roswell Road, Suite 50 Marietta, Georgia 30062

Dear Representative Price:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) to you for help because his bank accounts are being garnished for past-due child support. The custodial parent(b) (6) lives in Florida.

case meets the criteria to be submitted for the Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM).

States are required to have laws that establish procedures for conducting FIDM. The purpose of FIDM is to identify accounts belonging to noncustodial parents who are delinquent in their child support obligations. Once identified, these accounts may be subject to liens and levies issued by State or local CSE agencies.

The State is responsible for issuing the levy to the financial institution to collect the pastdue child support. Any objection to the enforcement action should be directed to the State CSE agency. The person to contact in Florida is Jill Engdahl at (321) 690-2166.

I hope this information will be helpful to you and your constituent. Please call me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Schneider **Acting Assistant Secretary**

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85-C Mill Street, Suite 300 Roswell, GA 30075 770-565-7570 FAX The Honorable Tom Price Member, U.S. House of Representatives 85-C Mill Street, Suite 300 Roswell, GA 30075



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Page 2 – The Honorable Tom Price

Both the Georgia and the Connecticut agencies' records show that they have reviewed all actions and procedures taken on (b) (6) case and ensured that the law has been followed.

I hope this information is helpful to you and your constituent. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact our office again.

Sincerely,

Vicki Turetsky Commissioner

Office of Child Support Enforcement

The Honorable Tom Price Member, U.S. House of Representatives 85-C Mill Street, Suite 300 Roswell, GA 30075

Dear Representative Price:

contempt process ends.

I am responding to your re-inquiry received September 25, 2013, on behalf of your constituent, regarding the enforcement of her child support order. (b) (6) that the noncustodial parent, Mark Rhodes, was not held accountable at his contempt hearing. A member of my staff contacted the Connecticut Bureau of Child Support Enforcement to obtain information about (b) (6) court hearing. The Connecticut agency's records show that the last contempt hearing was held on August 27, 2013. (b) (6) was ordered to pay \$1,000 by October 1, 2013, and the contempt charge was dismissed. The notes in the file indicate that Ms. Sadie agreed to the dismissal. However, the judge presiding over the hearing had the discretion to dismiss the contempt charge against (b) (6) regardless of (b) (6) position on the matter. did not pay the full \$1,000 by the October 1 due date, so the Connecticut agency will send him a delinquency notice advising him to pay the amount as ordered. Please note that (b) (6) current order is for \$200 each week, as set by the Connecticut Magistrate in the contempt order, dated April 17, 2012. The April 2012 contempt order temporarily suspends the Georgia order that was set for \$10,000 each month. The Georgia order will resume once the contempt process is completed. The Magistrate will decide when the

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Sincerely,

Vicki Turetsky Commissioner

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October 14, 2014

The Honorable Sylvia Burwell
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell,

We are writing to follow up on our meeting with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) officials on July 31, 2014, regarding the surge in unaccompanied alien children (UAC) apprehensions. According to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), 43,419 UAC have been released nationwide from January 1, 2014, to August 31, 2014, including 1,623 who have been released in Georgia. Additionally, the Associated Press reports that, "about 70 percent of immigrant families the Administration had released into the U.S. never showed up weeks later for follow up appointments." We appreciate your agency's commitment to keep us informed on the future placement of UAC in Georgia, but despite our efforts to obtain more detailed information regarding this issue, critical questions remain unanswered.

We ask that your Administration please provide us with answers to the following questions by October 31, 2014:

- 1. What is the funding source for education, school lunches, and child care for these children in Georgia who currently have sponsors that are on benefits themselves?
- 2. Will the children be classified as 'refugees,' which would entitle them to all social welfare benefits available to Americans? As you are aware, this is a heavy burden on the already strained Medicaid program in Georgia and on tax payers.
- 3. Where in Georgia are the children being sent and how long do you propose they will stay? How do you plan to safely return them to their parents?
- 4. What specific facilities will children without sponsors go to and what is the notification process for government officials on both the state and federal level?
- 5. The William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2008 (Public Law 110-457) requires age determination procedures to consider multiple forms of evidence. Your office has broken these types of evidence into four distinct categories: documentation, statements by individuals, information from another government agency, and medical age determination procedures. Regarding these individuals, what categories of evidence are most common? Additionally, what is the

¹ http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/ucs/state-by-state-uc-placed-sponsors

² http://bigstory.ap.org/article/e2da7d75d8654743bd5cab186931bddb/apnewsbreak-immigrant-families-ignore-follow

distribution of UAC by self-reported age, and how does this data compare to ages that have been confirmed or verified by HHS?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Rob Woodall
Member of Congress

Lynn Westmoreland Member of Congress

Tom Price, M.D.

Member of Congress

Tom Graves
Member of Congress

Austin Scott Member of Congress Doug Collins
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Phil Gingrey, M.D. Member of Congress



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

JAN 1 4 2015

The Honorable Rob Woodall U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Woodall:

Thank you for your follow-up questions regarding the surge of children who come into the United States unaccompanied by an adult parent or guardian. I understand your concerns about information you have seen and heard in media reports.

Below are responses to the specific questions from your letter:

1. What is the funding source for education, school lunches, and child care for these children in Georgia who currently have sponsors that are on benefits themselves?

Upon release to the custody of a sponsor, unaccompanied children are generally ineligible for most public benefits. Because they are children, they typically attend public schools in the communities in which they reside after they are released to the care of a sponsor.

If a sponsor family is already eligible for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) for other children in the household, sponsoring an unaccompanied child would not automatically impact the eligibility of the other children. It is possible that if the unaccompanied child brings additional income to the household, such as through employment, that this income would impact a family's CCDF eligibility or co-payment amounts. However, this would occur only if the state considers the unaccompanied child a member of the household for CCDF purposes, which depends on state rules and a family's specific circumstances.

For Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), the addition of the unaccompanied child should not have any impact on the benefits currently received by the sponsor household. For questions regarding school lunches, we defer to the Department of Agriculture.

2. Will the children be classified as "refugees," which would entitle them to all social welfare benefits available to Americans? As you are aware, this is a heavy burden on the already strained Medicaid program in Georgia and on tax payers.

Unaccompanied children are by definition not classified as "refugees." Unlike unaccompanied children, who have no immigration status, refugees are granted refugee status outside the United States (U.S.) and are then admitted to the U.S. as refugees.

3. Where in Georgia are the children being sent and how long do you propose they will stay? How do you plan to safely return them to their parents?

As you know, the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) operates a national network of state licensed shelters, foster care homes, and other institutions which provide care for unaccompanied children while they are in ORR custody. The average length of time children remain in ORR custody is about 30 days. In Georgia, ORR only operates one small 20-bed transitional foster care program in Atlanta.

Once a child is released from ORR custody to a sponsor, the length of time the child remains in the care of the sponsor depends on the progress of their immigration case. Some children with legal relief will stay in the United States. Others may be removed after an immigration judge has heard their case, makes a final ruling, and issues an order of removal. For questions related to the immigration courts, please contact the Department of Justice Executive Office for Immigration Review.

Most sponsors are the children's parents. All sponsors, including parents, go through a sponsor assessment process that also includes a background check. HHS provides regularly updated information on the number of children released to sponsors in each state at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/orr/programs/ucs/state-by-state-uc-placed-sponsors. In addition, HHS provides a breakdown by county in each state when 50 or more children have been placed in a county. This information may be found at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/unaccompanied-children-released-to-sponsors-by-county

4. What specific facilities will children without sponsors go to and what is the notification process for government officials on both the state and federal level?

Children without sponsors will typically remain in ORR custody until the conclusion of their immigration case in immigration court or until they turn 18, at which time their custody would return to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Again, these children would remain in ORR's national network of state licensed shelters, foster care homes, and other institutions just as any child referred to ORR would. If the child is ordered removed, DHS will facilitate the removal. If the child is found to be eligible for immigration relief (for instance as an asylee or victim of trafficking) and has had their application for relief approved, the child may be transferred to ORR's Unaccompanied Refugee Minors program or to the care of a family member in the United States.

5. The William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act (TVPRA) of 2008 (Public Law 110-457) requires age determination procedures to consider multiple forms of evidence. Your office has broken these types of evidence into four distinct categories: documentation, statements by individuals, information

from another government agency, and medical age determination procedures.

Regarding these individuals, what categories of evidence are most common?

Additionally, what is the distribution of UAC by self-reported age, and how does this data compare to ages that have been confirmed or verified by HHS.

The TVPRA of 2008 requires that DHS and HHS have a joint policy regarding age determination. Under this joint policy, both DHS and HHS routinely use documents, primarily birth certificates, to determine an unaccompanied child's age. Both DHS and HHS use self-reporting on age as well, which is verified by the child's birth certificate. Only a small percent of cases require additional verification using other evidence. HHS does not maintain data on self-reported age compared to age confirmed/verified by HHS, but our experience indicates that they are rarely different.

I hope this information is useful to you. I will also provide this response to the other members of Congress who co-signed your letter.

Sincerely,

Sylvia M. Burwell

Congress of the United States Washington, AC 20515

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October 14, 2014

The Honorable Sylvia Burwell Secretary U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Hubert H. Humphrey Building 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Burwell,

We are writing to follow up on our meeting with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) officials on July 31, 2014, regarding the surge in unaccompanied alien children (UAC) apprehensions. According to the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), 43,419 UAC have been released nationwide from January 1, 2014, to August 31, 2014, including 1,623 who have been released in Georgia. Additionally, the Associated Press reports that, "about 70 percent of immigrant families the Administration had released into the U.S. never showed up weeks later for follow up appointments." We appreciate your agency's commitment to keep us informed on the future placement of UAC in Georgia, but despite our efforts to obtain more detailed information regarding this issue, critical questions remain unanswered.

We ask that your Administration please provide us with answers to the following questions by October 31, 2014:

- 1. What is the funding source for education, school lunches, and child care for these children in Georgia who currently have sponsors that are on benefits themselves?
- 2. Will the children be classified as 'refugees,' which would entitle them to all social welfare benefits available to Americans? As you are aware, this is a heavy burden on the already strained Medicaid program in Georgia and on tax payers.

3. Where in Georgia are the children being sent and how long do you propose they will stay? How do you plan to safely return them to their parents?

4. What specific facilities will children without sponsors go to and what is the notification process for government officials on both the state and federal level?

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 $^{^2\} http://bigstory.ap.org/article/e2da7d75d8654743bd5cab186931bddb/apnewsbreak-immigrant-families-ignore-follow$

distribution of UAC by self-reported age, and how does this data compare to ages that have been confirmed or verified by HHS?

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Rob Woodall

Member of Congress

Lynn Westmoreland Member of Congress

Fom Price, M.D.

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Tom Graves

Member of Congress

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PRIVACY RELEASE FORM Congressman Tom Price, M.D. Sixth Congressional District of Georgia

Date: 11-17-2014 Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) Street Address City/State/Zip Home phone Work/Cell Phone Social Security #_ and/or A#, VA#, etc. AGENCY Involved GADHR /CT DHR
Child Support Date of Birth Spouse/ Other Contact Please provide a brief explanation of your situation with the above agency and specify how our office may be of assistance. Continue on another sheet if necessary. Send photocopies only of any documents you may have to support your claim. It is important for you to retain the originals for your files. Privacy Act Release I hereby authorize Congressman Tom Price and those acting in his behalf, in order to attempt to be of assistance to me, to optain in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, information pertaining specifically to this matter. SIGN DATE 11.17.3014 Once complete, please return it to: Office of Congressman Tom Price, M.D. 85-C Mill Street, Suite 300

Roswell, GA 30075

770-998-0050 Fax



December 4, 2014

The Honorable Tom Price, M.D. Member, U.S. House of Representatives 85-C Mill Street, Suite 300 Roswell, GA 30075

Dear Representative Price:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding a child support concern on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6)

We have completed our initial review of your letter and determined that further research is needed to address all of your constituent's concerns. Also, please know that this research may take additional time, particularly if more than one state is involved.

If we require additional information from your constituent, we will contact your office.

Thank you for your support as we work together to improve the lives of our nation's children.

Sincerely,

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Vicki Turetsky Commissioner Office of Child Support Enforcement

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The Honorable Tom Price, M.D. Member, U.S. House of Representatives 85-C Mill Street, Suite 300 Roswell, GA 30075

Dear Representative Price:

I am responding to your inquiry dated November 17, 2014, on behalf of your constituent, (b) (6) regarding her child support concerns. She is requesting assistance with enforcement of her child support order and assistance with attending the hearings telephonically.

A member of my staff contacted the Connecticut Bureau of Child Support Enforcement and the Georgia Child Support Enforcement Division for information about (b) (6) case. Connecticut is responding to Georgia's order.

On April 17, 2012, (b) (6) was court ordered to pay \$200 per week toward the arrears. A contempt hearing began on March 18, 2014 and concluded on September 16, 2014. Prior to the hearing, (b) (6) was advised that if she wanted to participate telephonically, she would need to put her request in writing. The Georgia agency has no record of receiving a written request from her. The agency informed (b) (6) hat special days are reserved for telephonic hearings and that her hearing was not being heard on one of those days.

There is a current income withholding order for (b) (6). However, the court ordered amount is not always received. There are times that (b) (6) will send in supplemental payments. The Georgia agency contacted (b) (6) bout the delinquency and advised him that it will initiate contempt for the delinquent amount.

I hope this information is helpful to you and your constituent. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact our office again.

Sincerely,

Vicki Turetsky Commissioner

Office of Child Support Enforcement

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