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<https://waysandmeans.house.gov/Legacy/humres/105cong/2-26-97/2-26stei.htm> SEE ALSO current bio blurb under HHS/ACF/OFA/Leadership (that's not a url, which may change, but where to look)

Blogging context — Golonka is now Dir. of OFA which administers TANF, and with it, HMRP funding. Notice NOTHING was said about the healthy marriage/responsible fatherhood as part of the block grants to states in the testimony. Blogging context also reminds readers that the private nonprofit associations representing various parts of government (here, two whose names directly reference state civil servant positions of authorities, and APWA (I'd have to check again), the subject matter of "Public Welfare" Golonka's bio shows previous work with a nonprofit Policy Institute for Family Impact Seminars (pushing, in part, fatherhood initiatives TO the NGA) — i.e., the revolving door of public/private employment & influence over public programs from the "sidelines"

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People need to become aware of these (and these types) of tax-exempt organizations regarding their influence on government and **MUST** start reading their respective financial statements and revenue sources.

Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Human Resources
of the House Committee on Ways and Means

<= a Recommended Read!

Hearing on Technical Corrections to Welfare Reform Legislation

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Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, we are pleased to submit to you today a joint statement representing the views of the National Governors' Association (NGA), the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), and the American Public Welfare Association (APWA) on a technical corrections bill to the welfare law. Today, we would like to discuss some technical corrections that would facilitate successful welfare reform implementation and urge you to make those technical corrections law.

You may recall that our three organizations appeared together before the subcommittee in September of last year, shortly after the enactment of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. In the six months since the passage of the act, states have moved quickly into implementation. Currently forty states, the territory of Guam, and the District of Columbia have submitted their Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) plans to begin implementing the provisions of the law, and thirty-seven states have been certified as complete by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The new welfare reform law has given rise to a tremendous amount of activity, change, and innovation across the country in Governors' offices, in state agencies, and in state legislatures as states build upon the reforms they began under waivers. We are seeing major changes in the "culture of welfare" and an increased emphasis on work and support services.

Delivering their 1997 state-of-the-state addresses, Governors sent a very strong message we will give recipients a hand up but not a hand out, and that those who can work must work. This work- focused message is resonating with front-line workers in welfare agencies and perhaps, most importantly, with recipients. With work requirements and looming time limits, more recipients are moving quickly to find jobs and exit welfare rolls. In fact, many communities report fewer people are applying for assistance. Instead, recipients are making the effort to find work on their own. The mission of the welfare office is also changing. Front-line workers in the welfare offices are being trained in skills that go beyond determining eligibility and benefit