



# TOWN OF CONWAY

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

In keeping with the following New Hampshire State Law, the Town of Conway is requesting that you contact the Welfare Department at the number listed above to discuss assistance requested by your relative, \_\_\_\_\_. This individual is believed to be a relation to you as described in the following statute. The taxpayers of the town are obligated by law to provide assistance to those who meet the criteria for welfare assistance. It is expected that relatives of the applicant provide any assistance that is within their financial ability.

**165:19 Liability for Support.** – *The relation of any poor person in the line of father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, son, daughter, husband, or wife shall assist or maintain such person when in need of relief. Said relation shall be deemed able to assist such person if his weekly income is more than sufficient to provide a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health. Should a relation refuse to render such aid when requested to do so by a county commissioner, selectman, or overseer of public welfare, such person or persons shall upon complaint of one of these officials be summoned to appear in court. If, after hearing, it is found that the alleged poor person is in need of assistance, and that the relation is able to render such assistance, the court shall enter a decree accordingly and shall fix the amount and character of the assistance which the relation shall furnish. If the relation neglects or refuses to comply with the court order without good cause, as determined by the court at a hearing, or by refusing to work or otherwise voluntarily places himself in a position where he is unable to comply, he shall be deemed to be in contempt of court and shall be imprisoned not more than 90 nor fewer than 60 days. If a poor person has no relation of sufficient ability, the town or city in which he resides shall be liable for his support.*

Sincerely,

BJ Parker  
Welfare Officer