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**RE: Chickasaw Ordinance No. 1504**

Dear Judge Ross,

We have received several complaints from individuals who have been prosecuted under Chickasaw Ordinance No. 1504 af4(uv)-10(1.)-2(n@h(c)4(e)4(6)/P <</MCId)jbJ [(b)-10224b]d 34 s% ñ criminalizing conduct that indigent persons are powerless to avoid. *See Ingraham v. Wright*, 430 U.S. 651, 667-

discriminatory classification based on wealth because poor people are unable to avoid criminal charges when they cannot pay their bills.

Additionally, it is inappropriate for the City to use its criminal laws to coerce payment of a person's utility bills, a practice unlike anywhere else in the State. T