



Welfare and planning

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To the editor— I would like to respond to the March 6 letter, “What is welfare?”

The answer is very simple. It is when you take money from one (who earned it) and give it to another (who did not). The root cause of the problem is not understanding whose money it is.

As a foster child and as a young child, being passed around from family to family, I have been given very little in life. Earlier in life I worked hard, lived humbly and did without while I watched many of my friends and neighbors live hand to mouth, out partying, buying the biggest and the best, wearing designer clothes, not planning or caring about tomorrow. So now that my efforts have paid off, I get to support them.

By being responsible and providing for my own shelter, when the government rewards me by allowing me to keep more of my own money with an interest deduction, that is not welfare.

In 35 states you can make more on welfare than by working full time at minimum wage, according to the Cato Institute.

Margaret Thatcher said it best: “Socialism works well only until you run out of other people’s money.”