

Dear Senate Human Service Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 1268. As active foster parents, my husband and I have experienced firsthand the challenges and emotional toll that come with the foster care system. It has truly been an eye-opening journey.

This bill is crucial for ensuring that children are placed in the safest possible environments during the reunification process. Mandatory drug testing for parents whose illicit drug use has contributed to the removal of their children is essential. It not only prioritizes the well-being of the children but also holds parents accountable for their actions, providing them with the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to recovery and responsible parenting.

By implementing this measure, we can reduce the risks associated with reunification and foster a more supportive environment for children and families in crisis. We owe it to our children to create a system that prioritizes their safety and well-being above all else.

Thank you for considering the importance of this bill. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of vulnerable children and their families.

I urge you to support HB 1268.

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