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Chairwoman Susan Concannon  
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To: Madam Chair, Vice-Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Ousley, and Members of the Committee

I submit written testimony today in support of HB 2112 and enactment of the Representative Gail Finney foster care bill of rights.

This is legislation that has been recommended by the Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight, of which I have been a member for over a decade. We discussed the need for this legislation over several committee meetings. It would put in statute very basic sets of standards for both children in foster care and those parents opening their homes to Kansas youth in need.

I shared an office for many terms with the late Representative from Wichita, and I can think of no better honor than to name this bill after her. It was a cause very dear to her heart! The Representative and her husband were foster parents themselves and saw this issue from a personal and legislative viewpoint. Placing these basic rights into statute will provide assurance to those acting as foster parents, and hopefully provide some comfort to the children whose lives have been uprooted through no fault of their own.

Thank you for considering this necessary legislation and I urge the committee recommend passage of HB 2112, without amendments, along to the full House.

Thank you

Representative Sydney Carlin  
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