



**Written Testimony in Support of HB2127**  
**House Judiciary Committee**  
**Monday, February 1, 2021**

FosterAdopt Connect strongly supports efforts of HB 2127 to allow the state and private child welfare agencies in Kansas to work effectively together and be accountable for excellent service to at risk children and families. Foster Adopt Connect offers many program services to Kansas children, youth, and families as they navigate the complexities of the child welfare system. With the help of innovative tools, a dedicated professional staff, and over 20 years of experience working in the Kansas and Missouri foster care systems, we're equipped to connect children with families that provide love, healing, and stability for a brighter future.

Historically many systems have used the issue of confidentiality to mask ineffective strategies, efforts and outcomes. We support this effort by DCF to increase transparency in child welfare practice in situations in which a tragic outcome has occurred. We strongly believe that negative outcomes offer all of us the opportunity to work together to create positive change that will only benefit Kansas children and families. We encourage the committee to approve HB 2127.

Again, we support HB 2127, as it will ensure accountability for our most vulnerable children. We urge the committee to pass the bill out favorably.

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