

Governor Perry,

I am contacting you on behalf of Texas Foster Youth, Inc in regards to House Bill 2170 which relates to the rights of Texas Foster Youth.

My organization has been working with Senator Uresti's office to pass a Bill of Rights for Foster Youth in Texas for the past three legislative sessions and while we have had difficulties getting this bill out of committee in the past, I am pleased to say that this legislative session the bill has passed both the house and senate and is now awaiting action by you and your signature to make it official statue.

I strongly urge to you to review this bill and to pass it. It is very important that the Foster Youth of this state have a bill of rights and are protected by Statue. I can attest firsthand that this is something we desperately need, as I was a former foster youth, and know that there are many rights to which we do not have and are left with many issues in the cps system and the individual placements children are placed in. This is a way to safeguard our youth and protect them from being denied rights to which they deserve and should be entitled to.

This bill is very similar to the regulations that were recently set forth by DFPS, and it is my understanding that they are required by DFPS and approving this bill will put it into Statue. I hope that I can count on your office to sign this bill into law and to protect our foster youths rights and interests.

Sincerely,

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