



Testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee in Support of HB 2205

March 19, 2013

Chair King and Members of the Committee:

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this written testimony in support of HB 2205. The mission of the Kansas Children's Service League (KCSL) is "to protect and promote the well-being of children." We are the Kansas chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA). KCSL has been involved with adoption work for most of its 120 years and currently provides private infant adoption services supporting birth parents and adopting families through our "From Heart to Home" program. We also operate the *Adopt Kansas Kids* website <https://www.adoptkids.org> to find homes for children in the child welfare system who are available for adoption, under contract with the Department for Children and Families.

By the time adoptive families approach finalization they have been working hard for a long while and are eager to complete that last step. HB 2205 will shorten the length of time needed to finalize adoptions and ensure uniform interpretation of the procedural requirements across state jurisdictions. We fully support these improvements in this important process.

We encourage the Committee to support HB 2205. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. If you have questions or need further information please let me know.

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