

March 19, 2018

Re: Adoption Protection Act *SB401*
In support, written only

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing to you today as a citizen who lives at 4356 N. Stratford Ln. in Bel Aire, KS 67226. I am currently the Director of a foster care and adoption program at a Child Placement Agency of a non-profit religious organization. While it is optimal and ideal that children be placed in a loving, nurturing environment with the biological father and mother, it is not always possible. There are many reasons that children are removed from their family of origin, and unfortunately there are times when reintegration cannot occur. These children need permanency through adoption. It is very important, if not vital, for non-profit religious organizations to carry out their mission without feeling obligated to disregard religious convictions, therefore I would respectfully request that you support this bill and I thank you for your time. I cannot and will not support a bill that otherwise suppresses the religious liberty of religious institutions.



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