

Written Testimony on Senate Bill 384 by Gary Robbins

Senator Baumgardner and members of the Senate Education Committee- I am writing as a private citizen to express my support for Senate 384. For our state to develop meaningful public policy on foster care collecting educational outcomes data is essential. This bill would start the transparency process with the collection of educational outcomes of foster children. For a decade, I served on the Youthville Board of Directors and saw the struggles and challenges faced by foster children. This data will be invaluable for policymakers in the future. It is time to start addressing how to make educational opportunities available to foster children as they age out of our current system as well.

Thank you for your service on the Senate Education Committee and considering my comments.

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