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To Committee Members,

A Statement in Opposition of Kansas HB 2772:

American Adoptions headed in Overland Park has provided private adoption services for families and birth parents in the state of Kansas as a licensed adoption agency for more than 30 years. As one of the largest national adoption service providers in the United States, our agency has valuable experience working with ICWA regulations at the federal level as well as the more than 18 state mini ICWA in the states that have them. We are open to continued dialogue with elected officials and other professionals about this legislation in an attempt to advance the best interests of children in the state of Kansas.

At this time, we do not support HB 2772, also known as the “Kansas Indian Child Welfare Act.”

“As an adoptive father of a Native American child from Parson’s Kansas, I have personal and professional concerns about this piece of legislation. Until we can gain a better understanding of the legislation’s intent and the impact it will have on children and families, we will oppose this bill moving forward.”

Sincerely,

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