

Testimony in Support of H.B. 2311
Nathan Bruns- Lifeline Children's Services
Committee on Public Health and Welfare
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Dear Committee and Committee Chair,

As a past foster parent, adoptive father and professional here in Kansas I want give my support of H.B. 2311. H.B. 2311 would ensure that families desiring to care of children in the need of foster care without the need to compromise their moral and religious beliefs when it comes to sexual or gender identity.

Lifeline Children's Services provides services to adoptive families and women facing unexpected pregnancies both here in Kansas, and across the country. The need for strong families to step up and provide loving care for children is at an all time high here within our state. The inhibit family's ability to care for children in need based merely on religious beliefs, does not only inhibit the number of available families to provide care, in the end, it causes un-needed hurt for children that are wanting to be placed in a licensed foster home or relative placement.

It is my strong recommendation that the committee here today supports H.B. 2311 as there are families willing and waiting to care for children in need. This bill would ensure they could do so, all the while, upholding their religious convictions and beliefs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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