

Hi Madam Chair, Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the Human Services and Mental Health Committee,

As a supporter and volunteer of our local community and groups that support our foster children, I am very happy to see HB2333A come before the Senate Committee.

Foster children are prescribed psychiatric medications at a rate 4 times that of non foster care children.

This legislation is truly common sense and will put in necessary oversight to ensure our children are being offered all trauma support services, which are scientifically proven to help foster children, not drugs.

I'd love to see the Committee's unanimous support for this legislation just as was done in the House and on the House floor.

Sincerely,

Javier Ruiz