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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Hanna Dekker. I am in support of SB 548 as foster youth all over the state have been forced to use garbage bags to put their personal belongings including, but not limited to, their clothes, shoes, toiletries, and bedding to move foster homes and that is completely unacceptable. I myself have had to use trash bags amongst other things to store and move my personal belongings. It's degrading. Foster youth should have the proper luggage carriers to transport and store their belongings.

I am a former foster youth who is also a current foster youth advocate, advocating for change in the foster care system. I have lived experience along with hundreds of others who are tired of the disregard of foster youth as a whole who also want to see change happen in the foster care system. Will you support SB 548?

Thank you for your time,
Hanna Dekker, Former foster youth and current foster youth advocate