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I strongly support this bill and urge you to do your part in passing it. I have volunteered several times with Project Never Again and it is absolutely heartbreaking how common it is for these children to transport their belongings in garbage bags. What kind of message does that send to them as they navigate difficult situations that are beyond their control? They are worth much more than that. Providing a duffel bag that is theirs, something that belongs to them that they can carry what is most important to them, should be a minimum. These children are vulnerable and cannot advocate for themselves at this level. PLEASE hear the testimonies and consider passing this bill. Thank you for reading.