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I believe in the mission of “project never again” as they advocate for the use of duffel bags and not trash bags for foster kids to carry their belongings in. Their goal is not about improving the durability of the bags, but rather addressing the lack of dignity trash bags give to those using them. I think the loss of dignity and a diminished sense of self-worth is an underlying issue in many of our societal problems. Maintaining and rebuilding a sense of dignity and worth for a child in foster care is extremely difficult. The use of trash bags is an unnecessary obstacle in the way of speaking value into these children. I personally know what it feels like to experience a sense of abandonment as a child and have struggled with my own self-worth in light of those feelings. I fully support the mission and “project never again” and hope our representatives will as well.