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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3196

I am a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) with Jackson County. Our program supports and advocates for children who are the victims of abuse or neglect. I regularly visit my CASA child to give them loving support so the child knows someone is watching out for them; I make sure the CASA child's parents are on track with their steps to regain custody; and I represent the CASA child in court. When I trained to be an CASA I had no idea of the level of importance I would hold in my CASA children's lives. VOCA funding supports our ability to serve these vulnerable children. Please help our organization continue this important work by adopting amendment 1 that includes CASA programs and pass the bill out of committee.