

Submitter: Mike Herron

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3196

Chair Representative Kropf and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

CASA programs across the state are already woefully underfunded yet continue to provide a critical service to society and to the young people who get swept into the system through no fault of their own. Reconnecting CASA program access to VOCA funds is a small but necessary step in seeing that these programs are able to continue to meet the mandate they have been given by the state of providing an advocate for every child removed from their home and placed in the care of DHS.

I strongly urge you to adopt the -1 amendment that includes CASA programs and pass the bill out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

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