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I am a former foster child; and I whole heartily support SB1016 as no child should ever be made to feel they're disposable. Just imagine having to carry around your belongings in a trash bag and how it only reinforces you are not valuable; you are not important and adds to the trauma and emotional harm we already experience. Please think of the long-term effects this bill will have on our children if this bill is not passed. I/We ask that you give children in foster care the compassion and dignity they so desperately need and deserve.