



June 12, 2017

The Honorable Jackie Walorski
419 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

The Honorable Danny Davis
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Walorski and Congressman Davis:

The Child Welfare League of America offers its endorsement for HR 2742, “the Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act.”

The legislation, which CWLA endorsed in the last Congress, will provide much needed incentives and technical assistance to all fifty states to transform their interstate placement efforts into a more efficient electronic system that can overcome paperwork delays.

All too often, interstate placements can take months or even years to complete. Such delays have caused many to call for reforms. More importantly these delays result in delays for a child awaiting adoption, a child in need of foster care or a child who has a kinship placement in another state. This legislation offers to advance a tested process that has demonstrated that it can greatly reduce these delays.

With 112,000 children in foster care now awaiting adoption we need to address these interstate placement delays. This legislation will help in the process and more importantly help speed up adoptions as well as the placement of children in need of foster care or kinship care.

Again thank you for your support and interest in this issue we hope we can come together around some important federal investments and reforms in child welfare.

Sincerely,

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Chris James-Brown
President and CEO