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The Honorable Todd Young
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Re: Support for H.R. 4472, “Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act”

Dear Representatives Young and Davis:

The County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), representing the human services directors in California’s 58 counties, supports the *Modernizing the Interstate Placement of Children in Foster Care Act*.

The bill will modernize the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) administrative process by replacing it with a successfully tested web-based electronic case processing system. The new National Electronic Interstate Compact Enterprise (NEICE) will change policies and provide funding to enable states and counties to connect to the NEICE to exchange data and documents across state jurisdictions so that our agencies may meet the unique needs of foster care children who may reside in another state. The proposed data exchange will enable state and counties more efficiently meet federal mandates for the timely services, placement and permanence of children in the foster care system, and will improve outcomes for children in foster care and their families.

Thank you again for introducing and co-sponsoring H.R. 4472. Please contact Tom Joseph, Director of CWDA’s Washington Office at 202.898.1446 or tj@wafed.com should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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