Dear Chair Williamson, Vice-Chair Gorsek, Vice-Chair Sprenger and members of the Committee:

I am writing you today in support of HB 2849. This bill provides much needed language to clearly articulate when a child should be taken into protective custody, how it should be accomplished, and by whom. HB 2849 is a step in the right direction toward ensuring the protection of both children and families.

I encourage you to pass HB 2849.

Respectfully submitted,

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