

Hello,

I am writing in support of HB 4214. It is crucial to both the health of the larger Indian community and a specific child's psychology for a child to remain as connected as possible to family, tribe, and culture should there be some a traumatic incident in the child's experience wherein a possible solution is to take them from their family's home.

This bill not only more clearly defines the importance of not removing children from their community but also is a call to create more resources for the Indian people so that there are fewer circumstances that occur in a child's life and in the family dynamic that would result in potential removal in the first place. We should be contributing as many resources as we can to support these tribes and communities that are still living with the extremely repressive consequences of colonization.

Thank you,
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