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I strongly support the intent, spirit, and purpose of HB 2547. My only concerns are with the mechanics of the bill. Lines 52 and 53 on page 2 state "The state treasurer and the department of revenue shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this section..." I find that allowing departments to create rules and regulations can often have unintended consequences and not always align with the spirit and intent of a bill. I think it's best if the state legislature integrates guardrails into bills instead of giving such flexibility to departments to promulgate rules and regulations. I think this bill should only apply to in-state adoptions. We should take care of Missouri kids first.



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Adoption is insanely expensive and this bill would help alleviate costs for families seeking to adopt, and thus we will have more adoptions. The increase in adoptions is good as it will reduce the number of children in foster care that are available for adoption and awaiting families able to do so. Allowing a tax credit for those who support adoption is reasonable in that they are aiding in the state's interest of finding permanent homes for these children so they are not raised in foster care their whole life.



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I am Opposed to this Bill. The Adopted Parents must have skin in the cause in doing the right thing on behalf of our State's Children.