



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 737		DATE: 1/22/2025	
COMMITTEE: Children and Families			
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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: ALEX EATON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-616-9860	
REPRESENTING: CENTER FOR RIGHTS OF ABUSED CHILDREN		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 3900 E CAMELBACK			
CITY: PHOENIX		STATE: AZ	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2025 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in Full Support of this Bill as I was last year in 2024. This Bill makes sense and holds the Parents or Guardians responsible. If the child is being held in State custody, their benefits shall fully go to pay all expenses and needs of the minor child. This is good-sense Legislation!



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WITNESS NAME: JASON WHITE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JORGEN SCHLEMEIER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-761-7875
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WITNESS NAME: MADISON EACRET		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: FOSTER ADOPT CONNECT		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: ROBYN SCHELP		PHONE NUMBER: 660-441-3260	
REPRESENTING: KIDS WIN MISSOURI		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF POLICY & ADVOCACY	
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Madam Chair and members of the committee: My name is Robyn Schelp, and I am the Director of Policy and Advocacy for Kids Win Missouri. We advocate on child well-being issues, including child care and early education, child welfare, and health and mental health. Kids Win Missouri supports HB 1163 and appreciates Rep. Schmidt’s leadership in helping children in foster care. Thank you to Speaker Patterson for making this a priority. As children age out of foster care, many face uncertain futures and lack stability. HB 1163 ensures that children who should have received disability or survivor benefits from their parents can receive those benefits as they exit foster care. These benefits would be life-changing for a young adult who finds himself on his own without family support. This funding was intended to benefit the child and should not replace state funding for foster care. I urge you to vote “yes” on this legislation, taking a step to protect and support children in foster care. Thank you for your time and consideration, Robyn Schelp Director of Policy and Advocacy Kids Win Missouri