

# House Memorial 8

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to reject proposals that decrease federal foster care funds provided to states.

## HOUSE MEMORIAL

To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas this nation is committed to providing safe foster homes for abused or neglected children; and

Whereas Oregon is committed to providing safe foster homes for abused or neglected children; and

Whereas safe foster homes are necessary to help prevent abused or neglected children from committing crimes and to protect Oregonians from becoming victims of crimes committed by those children; and

Whereas Oregon treats more persons for methamphetamine addiction per capita than any other state in this nation, creating a massive need for safe foster homes because methamphetamine use is the single largest factor in the removal of children from abusive homes; and

Whereas abused children are often subject to repeated abuse because of the shortage of safe foster homes; and

Whereas the federal government offers matching grants to cover the expenses of foster homes; and

Whereas the commitment of the federal government to states by providing matching grants for foster homes is in jeopardy because the grants may be ended, capped or severely limited; now, therefore,

### **Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:**

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged:

(a) To reject any proposal that would end, cap or severely limit federal foster care funds provided to states; and

(b) To maintain its foster care commitment to the states to ensure the safety of abused or neglected children and the safety of citizens of this country.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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