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The Honorable Jon Husted
Speaker of the House
Ohio House of Representatives, District 37
77 South High Street, 14th Floor
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Dear Speaker Husted:

On behalf of PCSAO, our Board of Trustees and the more than 3,000 children in Ohio waiting for adoptive, permanent homes – thank you for your leadership opposing HB 515, the Adoptive/Foster Child bill. We appreciate and support your position that this legislation is discriminatory and divisive.

As you know, a big part of PCSAO’s mission is to promote the development of sound public policy and program excellence for safe children, stable families, and supportive communities. HB 515 does not ensure any of these policy goals for children and is in fact, anti-safe/stable families. PCSAO opposes HB 515 and any piece of legislation like it that limits permanency options and the number of safe and stable homes available for waiting children. As an individual adopted as a child yourself, your position carries special significance and power.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please let us know if there is anything further we can do to support your position on this bill.

Sincerely,

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