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A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

As National Foster Care Month comes to a close, I want to invite The Empowerment Project community to show your support for the families that selflessly open their hearts and homes to children in need by committing to providing these families with important tools and resources.

At any given time, there are 400,000 children in the U.S. in the foster care system. Each of them has a name, a face, a smile, and a story. Foster parents are the heroes who offer love, support and stability to these children on a difficult, painful journey.

In Mississippi, we want these people to know they're not alone, and that's why we created the Foster Parents' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.

This Bill of Rights and Responsibilities explains to foster parents the rights they have in working with the courts, Child Protection Services, and the child's therapists, physicians and teachers. It supports them with information and resources available to parents and children, including health providers, respite workers, daycare options and reimbursement tools. In addition, it offers transparency with a list of responsibilities so parents can prepare for the road ahead.

It is my hope that the Foster Parents' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities will make it easier to navigate this important and oftentimes difficult journey.

If you have questions about the Foster Parents' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities or would like to implement a similar initiative in your state, please contact my office **here**.

May God Bless You,





WHAT WE'RE READING

National Review: Prolife is Prowoman

From the moment Fitch had national attention for the Court case, she was consistent and

insistent: A country without Roe is a country that can both empower women and promote life. "It doesn't have to be either or," she said at the Heritage event.

During her Heritage Foundation speech, Fitch talked about the tremendous opportunity we have had since the end of June last year to "match out compassion with laws" that will help "wrap our love and support around mothers-to-be, young mothers, and children."

Mississippi has been focusing on the development of an "empowerment project" prioritizing "workplace flexibility," enhancing child support, making "quality child care affordable and accessible," and fixing "the broken foster-care and adoption systems." Children need to be in families as soon as possible. Forever. And the older ones, not just the adorable ones. And what does empowering women look like? Resources. The kind of work I see people at pregnancy-care centers doing every day. Job skills. Education. Help in filling out difficult government forms. "That's on all of us," Fitch said to the room of conservatives. "And we can do it." The Mississippi legislature recently passed tax credits and a foster-parent bill of rights and established an app connecting mothers with resources, in addition to other assistance for women, children, and families.

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