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Representative Gabrielle LeDoux
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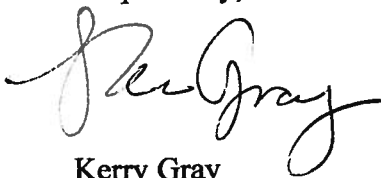
Dear Representative Gabrielle LeDoux:

My name is Kerry Gray and I am a Social Work undergraduate student at the University of Alaska Anchorage. I am writing in support of House Bill No. 200, Adoption of a Child in State Custody. I would like you to vote in favor of House Bill No. 200.

House Bill No. 200 was written by Governor Bill Walker in an effort to streamline the adoption process of Child in Need of Aid (CINA) cases. This process would benefit Children in Need of Aid and the court system in Alaska. Currently, according to the Office of Children Services Policy manual and the CINA Court Procedures, adoption hearings are heard separately from CINA court. Allowing adoption hearings to be heard during CINA court proceedings would positively impact the timely permanency of Alaska's children and youth.

I thank you for your time and consideration of supporting House Bill No. 200. I would like to see this bill passed and children in foster care obtain permanency in the most effective manner. Please feel free to contact me at kacochran@alaska.edu if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kerry Gray".

Kerry Gray