

Coach Grover was born in Pensacola, graduating from Pensacola Catholic High School in 1988. After graduation, he attended Livingston University before returning home and completing his degree at the University of West Florida.

In 1997, Paul began his coaching career at his alma mater, Pensacola Catholic High School, coaching football and baseball. However, in 1998, he began his true passion, coaching girls' basketball, where he remained the school's assistant coach until 2000. In 1999, under his leadership, the girls won a state title, and in 2000 they were runner ups. Finally, last year, Paul moved to Jay High School, becoming head coach of the girls' basketball team, and working with his dear friend and Jay Athletic Director, Lance Youngblood.

Coach Grover's friends, family, and students will remember him as a selfless man, hard-working and encouraging. Outside of love of organized sports, Paul was also an avid sportsman and active member of Olive Baptist Church.

My wife, Vicki, and I will keep all who love him, especially his mother Lily; brothers, George and Richard; sisters Sharon, Barbara, and Marianne, as well as his numerous nieces, nephews, and godchildren in our thoughts and prayers.

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TRIBUTE TO MAX MONTHEI

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Max Monthei, a member of the 2016 Iowa Boys 2A State Golf Tournament Championship Team.

Max, and his teammates at Panorama High School, persevered through a tough season. With steady and consistent play at the state tournament, these students showed the state of Iowa that they were worthy of a state championship two years in a row.

Mr. Speaker, Max's determination, hard work, commitment and team work is what contributed to the stellar success of his team. His willingness to give it his best effort is what will be valuable later in life and I am honored to represent Max in the United States Congress. I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Max Monthei and his team for competing and winning this rigorous competition. We all share in wishing him nothing but continued success.

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H.R. 5456

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 5, 2016*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following extraneous materials on H.R. 5456, the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016:

FOSTER FAMILY-BASED  
TREATMENT ASSOCIATION,  
*Hackensack, NJ, June 15, 2016.*

Re: H.R. 5456 Family First Prevention Service Act

Hon. KEVIN BRADY,  
*Chair, House Ways and Means Committee,*  
*Washington, DC.*

Hon. VERN BUCHANAN,  
*Chair, House Human Resources Subcommittee,*  
*Washington, DC.*

Hon. ORRIN HATCH,  
*Chair, Senate Finance Committee, Washington,*  
*DC.*

Hon. SANDER LEVIN,  
*Ranking Member, Ways and Means,*  
*Washington, DC.*

Hon. LLOYD DOGGETT,  
*Ranking Member, House Human Resource Subcommittee,*  
*Washington, DC.*

Hon. RON WYDEN,  
*Ranking Member, Senate Finance Ranking Member,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BRADY AND RANKING MEMBER LEVIN; SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR BUCHANAN AND RANKING MEMBER DOGGETT, AND CHAIRMAN HATCH AND RANKING MEMBER WYDEN: The Foster Family-based Treatment Association congratulates you on the important bipartisan work and agreement reflected in H.R. 5456 Family First Prevention Service Act.

Title I will provide crucial funding to keep families together, in particular those facing substance abuse problems, mental health, and generational deprivation of health parenting skills. Providing funding to address these crises is the first step to reforming our child welfare system so that families might stay together whenever possible and safe and avoid additional trauma of family breakup.

Title II will provide clarity about professional roles and responsibilities to assess each child and provide the most appropriate, least restrictive placement when a child must be removed from their home. Overall the bill recognizes the importance of a continuum of care from family support to family-like out of home placement to congregate care placements as needed by a child and family contingent on on-going, individualized assessments.

We look forward to working with the 115th Congress to be sure that this full continuum is supported and efficient: that qualified residential programs are able to meet these new requirements and serve youth clearly needing that level of care, and that community-based, family-like settings are supported and sustained so that youth who would otherwise be at the residential level of care can be served safely and professionally in the community in placements with biological family, with kin or guardians, or with non-kinship foster families.

We furthermore support the important reauthorization of Title IV-B programs and are especially pleased to see continuation of the adoption-kinship incentives, court improvement funds, and the regional partnership grants.

Again, thank you for your work on H.R. 5456. Please call on FFTA as we move forward in improving the family preservation and foster care systems for all of America's youth requiring such support.

Sincerely,

JODIE A. AUSTIN,  
*LCSW, Board President.*

CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES AND  
CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT  
ADMINISTRATORS, GOVERNMENT  
RELATIONS OFFICE,

*June 15, 2016.*

Re: Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016 (H.R. 5456)

Hon. KEVIN BRADY  
*Chairman, Ways and Means Committee,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

Hon. VERN BUCHANAN,  
*Chairman, Subcommittee on Human Resources,*  
*Ways and Means Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

Hon. SANDER M. LEVIN,  
*Ranking Member, Ways and Means Committee,*  
*House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

Hon. LLOYD DOGGETT,  
*Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Human Resources, Ways and Means Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BRADY, RANKING MEMBER LEVIN, CHAIRMAN BUCHANAN, AND RANKING MEMBER DOGGETT: On behalf of the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators, we are writing in support of your efforts to promote and improve outcomes for the children and youth who come to the attention of the child welfare system, including children in foster care. Over the decades the House Ways and Means Committee, with bipartisan support, has taken significant steps forward on behalf of our most vulnerable children.

We are aware that the House Ways and Means Committee is considering the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016 (H.R. 5456), which would allow funds under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to be used for prevention services to help keep children at risk of placement in foster care safely at home with their parents or kin and would take important steps to ensure that children who need to enter foster care will be placed in the least restrictive setting appropriate to their needs, by targeting federal dollars on smaller family-foster homes and on other care settings for children and youth with special treatment needs or those in special circumstances, such as pregnant and parenting teens or older youth in independent living settings.

For your information, we enclose resolution, In Support of Reforms to Improve the Outcomes for Children in the Child Welfare System, recently adopted by our respective Conferences. We commend your efforts to promote and improve outcomes for the children and youth who come to the attention of the child welfare system. We hope that you consider our resolutions and support as you move forward to adopt this legislation.

Additionally, the legislation reauthorizes child and family services programs under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, including the three Court Improvement Program (CIP) grants through FY 2021 at the current \$30 million level. The three CIP grant programs are critical for state courts as they provide the only federal funds to state courts for the purpose of improving state court oversight of abuse and neglect cases; and have been invaluable in assisting courts to improve and expedite our processes and procedures. These funds have resulted in abused and neglected children moving more expeditiously to safe, permanent homes and improved outcomes for children in need of protection. Our work, however, is not complete, so the reauthorization of these funds will allow us to continue our work to improve results for these children.

We look forward to working with you to ensure these child welfare reforms will truly benefit children who come to the attention of the child welfare system and to continue to explore additional improvements on their