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To whom it may concern:

I write to express my strong support for B Beautiful-Children's Foundation for Ethnic Hair and Skin in its applications for grants to support its work. B Beautiful-Children's Foundation for Ethnic Hair and Skin is a non-profit organization, founded to address needs of children of African American, biracial or multiracial descent for assistance and education in care of their hair and skin to support a positive self image. In particular, B Beautiful-Children's Foundation's goal is to support children in foster care and assist foster parents to understand the tools, techniques and products used in the care of these hair and skin types.

Foster children who are not of European descent are very likely to be placed with foster parents who are; the math just works out that way. When a family joins the foster care program, they do not know what the children will look like who will come to their home, and the products and tools commonly used to groom European skin and hair are simply not appropriate for many other groups. Barbette Woodall, co-founder of B Beautiful-Children's Foundation, called my attention to this issue and assisted my office in crafting and introducing legislation in 2011 to include ethnic hair and skin care in the standard training provided to foster parents and prospective adoptive parents of children in foster care by the Department of Human Services.

B Beautiful-Children's Foundation has demonstrated continued vision and leadership in designing and implementing curriculum to assist families and children to celebrate and showcase the natural beauty of their skin and hair instead of suffering trauma to their social and physical self-images.

I want to support the continued development of B Beautiful-Children's Foundation and its efforts to increase the tools available to foster families to provide healthy social and developmental environments for children of all racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Sincerely,

Representative Lew Frederick

