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Subject: HR35 to be heard Thursday, February 18th at 8:15am in Room 329 by the Committee on Human Services

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RE: Support for HR35

Please support HR35 that asks to acknowledge the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, that is also **nationally recognized** as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Many of our societal ills would not and could not have taken place had the people involved in creating them come from safe, abuse-free, violence-free and loving homes. It's against human nature to be "bad to the bone"; monsters are more often created, not born and we DO have the opportunity to rectify this. In therapy, there are 2 pre-requisites to attaining behavioral change: awareness and education - acknowledging April as Child Abuse Prevention Month is a proactive step towards corrective action.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most respectfully,

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Good Morning. I would like to ask that you support HB35 that asks for April to be recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Not enough is done to address family violence that people tend to incorrectly view as "personal problems" - it's not personal anymore when a child is taken into state custody. Like domestic violence, this is completely avoidable stuff and as long as we're on the topic, more needs to be done about looking at the extremely high correlation between domestic violence and child abuse. The women may be escaping their abusers but the kids get sent back in with him because he's the father of the children. Those children need to be recognized as victims themselves but are often marginalized because even many professionals do not understand how domestic violence turns in to child abuse post separation. Thank you.

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