

Testimony of Alicia Smith
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House Children and Seniors Committee
In Support of HB 2187
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Members of the committee,

My name is Alicia Smith. I am a social worker for the past twelve and a half years in Missouri. My own family has a long, troubled history with the child welfare system - an experience I share with too many other Kansans. However, the difference for Missourians is the Office of the Child Advocate. Kansans need a similar office to turn to when they are caught in the foster care system. I know for sure the Kansas child welfare system is in dire need of appropriate oversight and accountability that the Office of the Child Advocate could provide.

That's why I support House Bill 2187.