

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Ina Gorzig, and I am an adoptive parent of a 16-year-old who entered the foster care system in Minnesota at the age of 11. This child is incredibly bright, resilient, determined, and creative -- and they face numerous barriers to full flourishing due to their experiences both as a child and during their time in foster care. The knowledge that they live in a state which guarantees them funds to pursue higher education has been a lifeline for them, both financially and by sending the message that they are seen and cared for.

FIG is an amazing program that offers this life-changing resource to hundreds of children like my daughter. The fact that the program has received more requests than it can fund speaks to its importance and the role it is playing in changing lives. The Senate has already committed to fully funding the grant program. I urge the House to do the same.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. I am grateful for your service!

Sincerely,
Ina Gorzig
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