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Honorable George Miller
Ranking Member
House Committee on Education and the Workforce
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Miller:

The American Humane Association supports the Stop Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act.

Since 1877 the historic American Humane Association has been at the forefront of every major advancement in protecting children, pets and farm animals from abuse and neglect. Today we're also leading the way in understanding human-animal interaction and its role in society. As the nation's voice for the protection of children and animals, American Humane Association reaches millions of people every day through groundbreaking research, education, training and services that span a wide network of organizations, agencies and businesses.

In our work to strengthen families and help our most vulnerable children through practices such as Family Group Decision Making and differential response we are cognizant of the challenges many of these families and their children face. It is critical that families seeking help for their children in need of mental or other behavioral health services including substance abuse treatment are able to select and find providers who are meeting the proper safety and health standards.

The American Humane Association looks forward to assisting you in advancing your bill and making sure the proper oversight and protections are put in place.

Sincerely,

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