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## An Open Letter to the Louisiana State Legislature

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Dear Honorable Senators and Representatives of Louisiana,

Thank you for your work during the 2017 Extraordinary Session! You were diligent to address the necessary adjustments to appropriations and find a solution to this year's fiscal difficulties.

On behalf of Louisiana's foster children, I am grateful to you for maintaining the current level of funding for their care. Thank you!

That funding for the critical services of the Department of Children and Family Services was untouched is clear evidence that Louisiana has a Legislature with the courage and determination to say, "**whatever else happens, Louisiana will care for her foster children!**"

Please let me know when and how our organization can be more helpful to you in your efforts to ensure the security and wellbeing of Louisiana's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Wheat".

Rick Wheat  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
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