

Testimony of Dominique Davis

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Daniel K. Akaka, Chairman
George V. Voinovich, Ranking Member

Good morning Chairman Akaka, Ranking Member Voinovich and members of the subcommittee. I appreciate the opportunity to talk about my experience of being adopted from the Child and Family Services Agency.

My name is Dominique Davis. I am sixteen years old and in the eleventh grade. I like to play softball and spend time with my friends and family. After high school, I would like to go to college and then become a computer specialist or work for the FBI.

I was in foster care since I was four years old. When I was eleven years old I went to live with my foster mother, Ms. Davis. Ms. Davis adopted me on November 21, 2009. Adoptions Together helped finalize the adoption and made sure that it went smoothly.

Having a permanent home is very important to me, especially changing my name so I know I belong to that family. Other kids should want to be adopted because everyone needs a family to support their future. I would also like to say that adults should adopt teenagers and not just young children because they need families too. Without that support, teenagers cannot succeed and sometimes end up on the streets.

Thank you again for the opportunity to tell you my story. I would be happy to answer your questions.