



### **Sample Script for Town Hall Meetings**

Hello Representative/Senator \_\_\_\_\_. I appreciate the opportunity to be here and ask you a few questions.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_; I live in \_\_\_\_\_, and I am \_\_\_\_\_ (a foster parent / former foster youth / foster care or adoption specialist / concerned citizen, etc...).

*(Say a bit about how long you've been a foster parent, how many children you have cared for, etc.... Likewise, if you are a former foster care youth, say how long you were in foster care.)*

I'd like to ask a couple questions related to problems with the foster care system, and the role you and the federal government play in making it better.

“According to the latest government statistics, there are well over a half million children in foster care. Right now, the majority of federal child welfare funds can only be used to pay for foster care services. All children in foster care would benefit from federal foster care financing reform, which would allow states to better use their federal foster care dollars towards services that keep families together or move children in foster care quickly into a new loving, permanent family.

Representative (or Senator) would you support legislation to give our state, and other states, the flexibility to use federal dollars to better meet the needs of children?”

For more information on federal foster care financing reform, visit:

<https://www.adoptioncouncil.org>

Or call:

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