

STATEMENT  
OF  
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VICE CHAIRMAN  
COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS  
BEFORE THE  
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HEARING  
ON  
S. 1601  
A BILL TO REAUTHORIZE  
THE  
INDIAN CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY VIOLENCE  
PREVENTION ACT

I am pleased to join my Chairman today in receiving testimony on a bill to reauthorize the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Act.

Surely, there can be no more precious resource than our children.

It is essential that we work together to assure that the children of Indian country are protected from abuse, and that we continue to improve upon our data collection efforts as well as our ability to track those who have abused children in the past and who are looking for havens in Indian country, so that we may one day be able to eliminate this scourge from the lives of those we hold so dear.

I am glad to see that the departments who will present testimony to the Committee today support the reauthorization of this important Act.