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I support this bill as a foster parent, CASA guardian ad lidem, and former Program Director of nonprofit youth programs.

Every young adult has their own gaps in resources, and goals they want to achieve - and sometimes they need a sounding board who isn't a social worker. There is no such thing as "duplicating resources" for this population. There is a shortage of trusted adults for any young person I've worked with in extended foster agreements. I can think of no exception, and have worked with youth in foster care for 17 years.

It makes economic sense to support any program that will support them in reaching their unique potential.