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Greetings!

The Canadian Labour Congress is pleased to endorse the Adoption Council of Canada (ACC) *Youth Speak Out* project.

Of the 70,000 children in the Canadian childcare system each year, approximately 30,000 are available for legal adoption, and only 2,000 find a permanent family. Too many children “age out” of the system, reaching the applicable provincial threshold for adulthood to then find themselves on their own with limited or no support.

The *Youth Speak Out* project provides those in the system and those who've “aged out” with the tools to advocate on their own behalf – to share their stories on how the system affects them and how it might be improved.

The Canadian Labour Congress believes that healthy societies ensure a voice for all, not the least of whom are our youth. We strongly support this initiative by the ACC and encourage you to do so as well.

In solidarity,

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