**Email or Letter to Representative**
Email Subject: Please Support HR 8997: The Right To Representation Act

Dear Representative [Last Name],

As your constituent from [City/Town, State], I am writing to urge you to support HR 8997, the Right to Representation Act. HR 8997 would ensure legal counsel for kids and parents involved in child welfare cases. Attorneys improve outcomes for children and families involved in child welfare cases. Plus, research shows that providing counsel for kids saves the federal government money.

[Share a brief personal story, local fact, or professional insight that highlights the impact of the right to legal representation for kids and parents involved in child welfare cases. You can use our Right to Counsel map to help your member of Congress understand if your state provides a right counsel for children involved in child welfare cases.]

By supporting HR 8997, you'd stand up for the rights of families and children in your district.

Please incorporate HR 8997 into any end-of-year legislative package.

Sincerely,
[Your Handwritten Signature — if sending by mail; Your e-Signature — if sending by email]
[Your Printed Name]

**Phone Call Script – For Voicemail or Contact with a Live Person:**
I am calling to request that Representative [Last Name] support HR 8997, the Right to Representation Act.

If passed, HR 8997 would ensure legal counsel for kids in foster care and their parents. Attorneys improve outcomes for children and families involved in child welfare cases. Plus, research shows that providing counsel for children and parents saves the federal government money.

[Share a brief personal story, local fact, or professional insight that highlights the impact of the right to legal representation for kids and parents involved in child welfare cases.]

By supporting HR 8997, Representative [Last Name] would be showing their commitment to the rights of families and children in their district.

Please incorporate HR 8997 into any end-of-year legislative package. Thank you!