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The Honorable George Miller  
United States House of Representatives  
2181 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: HR 911 - Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2009

Dear Chairman Miller:

American Humane supports HR 911, the “Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2009,” which would increase federal oversight of public and private teen residential programs by establishing minimum standards of protection and safety for the residents of such facilities.

American Humane is a national, nonpartisan membership organization that was founded over 130 years ago to protect the welfare of children and animals. Our support for the Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act reflects an over 100-year history of progressively advocating at the federal, state and local levels for laws that protect children and animals from abuse and neglect.

As you know, an investigation conducted by the U.S. Government Accountability Office found thousands of cases and allegations of child abuse and neglect at residential programs for teens. HR 911 will help to reduce the number of cases of child abuse and neglect at residential programs that have been running unchecked.

Thank you for your leadership on such an important issue. We look forward to continuing to work with you. Please do hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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