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## *House of Representatives*

IN SUPPORT OF THE KILAH DAVENPORT CHILD PROTECTION ACT OF 2013 (H.R. 3627)

*Monday, December 9, 2013*

**Mr. HUDSON:** MR. SPEAKER, I rise today in support of a bill we are debating today, H.R. 3627, The Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act of 2013.

This commonsense bill will create an important study to examine the penalties that apply to child abusers across the country so that we can ensure we are doing everything possible to keep our children safe.

The motivation behind this significant legislation comes from one of my own constituents, Kilah Davenport. Kilah was abused when she was just three years old and suffers from severe mental and physical damage. I have had the pleasure of meeting young Kilah several times, and each time I'm moved by her strength and conviction. Not even old enough for kindergarten, Kilah is faced with an uphill battle of physical therapy and rehab. I will continue to pray that this innocent young girl makes a full recovery.

**MR. SPEAKER,** child abuse and the safety of our children are not partisan issues. We must equip our states with the necessary tools to punish abusers to the fullest extent of the law. I am committed to ensuring that the federal government empowers the states to strengthen child abuse laws and ensure the safety of the most innocent in our society.

This bill guarantees that our states can address the serious problem of child abuse and makes certain that those who choose to harm a child are dealt with in a swift and severe manner. I support this bill, and I encourage my colleagues to do the same. I yield back.

RICHARD HUDSON  
Member of Congress