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Chairman Ragan & Chairman Roberts,

Recent recent reports of children in state custody sleeping on floors in Nashville office buildings, without even basic necessities like blankets, have disturbed me greatly. I'm sure these reports were unsettling to you as well.

To hear from the Tennessee Department of Children's Services' spokesperson that this is potentially a frequent occurrence is even worse.

Government agencies make mistakes, and nothing works perfectly 100 percent of the time. But this incident represents more than just a mistake – it's a total failure on the part of the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. There is simply no excuse.

As Chairmen of the legislative Government Operations committees, I'm asking that you request representatives from the Department appear before the Committee and be held accountable.

I feel certain that the citizens we represent will want answers for what happened, and it's our responsibility to get those answers, and ensure that something like this never happens again.

Thank you,



House Democratic Caucus Chairman Vincent Dixie  
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