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in strong support of Senator Howard's amendment. I certainly appreciate the spirit of Senator Foley's amendment to that. But as I'm reading these, without prejudice, I would believe I would be opposing his amendment, since the second sentence of Senator Howard's proposal covers what he's saying, and I think in a more direct way. That sentence is: Such services shall seek to reduce risks of fetal alcohol syndrome among this seriously underserved population. I think that's what we're after. And that appears to be what Senator Foley is after. But I would like to keep in there the first sentence, which indicates a priority for the Native American population on reservations. And with that, you know, you make your decision as to which alternative you prefer. I prefer the original amendment, as I look at it. But I would hope all of us would join in this question of FAS. I have dealt with fetal alcohol syndrome and children in the adopted children of some of my friends. This is a horrific problem. It is a developmental disability for the rest of their lives, a developmental disability of the brain. And if that doesn't get your attention enough, it costs us money. What she's talking about here is a way of saving future tax dollars, a large stack of future tax dollars. We are talking about big money when we try to follow through one FAS baby through childhood, teenage, and then when they are unable, as this family of ours, to have a normal job, trying to keep them with that. We're losing the production they could have had in having a good job, and we are supplementing them the rest of their lives. We really need to pay attention to this. I would hope that HHS is already putting a priority on it. But I think it's good for us to give some backing to that. And I would think that the second sentence of Senator Howard's includes what is being stated here. I don't know how else you would seek to reduce the risk, without giving counseling, put out information. The one thing, perhaps, that would not...that would be in that would be that we put out information to the total population. Because you and I and our friends here on the floor are in charge of some of this information. FAS can be reduced if we let people know the problem that is there. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. On with discussion. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Howard.