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Your submission for this review:

Thank you for the opportunity to have my say on this topic. I have been a foster carer for 18 years and cared for over 50 children in that time. My husband and I have 4 biological children (all adults now) a daughter who we adopted after fostering her for 7 years and 3 teenage boys who have all been with us since they were babes. It is my belief that the allowance provided to carers is extremely inadequate and fails to meet the needs of raising a child. In saying this though I would prefer to have concessions provided to carers and the children in their care rather than money. I am concerned that raising the allowance could potentially encourage people to foster for the wrong reasons. Concessions for items such as fuel, food, insurances, rent/ mortgage would certainly be welcomed I am sure.