

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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Director Vlad Lipschutz
Office of Children's Issues
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Director Lipschutz:

We are disappointed by the People's Republic of China's decision to halt its intercountry adoption program. This news is devastating for the hundreds of children and American families with adoption cases pending in China, many of whom have waited years for these adoptions to be completed.

As co-chairs of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, the safety of adopted children and hundreds of would-be adoptees is our top priority, and the sudden termination of China's adoption program has exacerbated our concern for these children's well-being. Many of these children have special health care needs, and some will soon age out of care systems without the support of a permanent family. It is particularly critical that these children have access to the care and support that they need — which hundreds of American families approved for adoption are willing to provide.

We request you seek further clarification from the Chinese government on the details and reasoning for its decision to end its intercountry adoption program, as well as the status of pending adoption cases, and share the information without delay with adoptive families and service providers. We urge you to press Chinese officials about finalizing adoption cases so these children may be united with their adoptive families in the United States.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We are prepared to work closely with you to ensure these children are welcomed into safe and stable homes.

Sincerely,



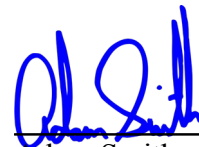
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