

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

April 17, 2014

The Honorable Joseph Kabila Kabange  
President  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Gombe, Kinshasa

The Honorable Augustin Matata Ponyo  
Prime Minister  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Gombe, Kinshasa

Dear President Kabila and Prime Minister Matata Ponyo:

The United States of America values its good relationship with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and is proud to have provided assistance to your government as you continue to confront ongoing challenges. Please know that the people of the United States remain steadfast in their respect for and commitment to the people of the DRC. It is in this spirit of goodwill and respect that we, the undersigned Members of the United States Congress, write to ask for your help in resolving the over 460 adoption cases of Congolese children who either have been adopted or are in the process of being adopted by American families, yet who are unable to obtain exit permits due to a recent DRC suspension.

We understand that your Government has elected to suspend the issuance of exit letters due to concerns about the health and wellbeing of adopted children. We respect DRC's right, and indeed your obligation to ensure that international adoptions of Congolese children are conducted with integrity, transparency and the highest of ethics. As U.S. lawmakers, we share your desire to see that all children living in the United States, including those born in the DRC, are safe and secure. To this end, we would like to offer to support your government in its efforts to ensure that adopted Congolese children are safe and well-cared for and that future intercountry adoptions between our countries continue to be conducted in an ethical, transparent manner.

While we work together to ensure that all Congolese children are protected, we hope you will consider allowing the hundreds of American families who have legally completed the adoption process to move forward. The unexpected delay in the completion of these adoptions has resulted in over 460 children continuing to languish in institutions without the care of a permanent family. As you know, long-term institutionalization has been proven to lead to neurological and emotional difficulties in children, as the lack of parental bonding damages brain development and a child's ability to form meaningful relationships with others.

In addition to the consequences for children, this suspension is also placing a substantial burden on the adoptive families. Approximately 50 of the 460 pending adoption cases are fully finalized—approved by Congolese courts, the Ministry of Gender and Family, and the United States Embassy in Kinshasa. The General Direction of Migration (DGM) has promised to consider applications for exit letters for completed adoption cases that had been approved by the Ministry of Gender and Family's Interministerial Adoption Committee before September 25, 2013. A number of families meeting that criterion are relying on the DGM's commitment to process their applications for exit permits. It is of great concern to us that these applications be completed as expeditiously as possible. Many

of these American families remain in Kinshasa, jeopardizing their careers and creating great financial difficulties. These families remain committed to the children they are adopting and desire to complete the process and return to the United States to raise these children in loving, caring homes.

More specifically, we respectfully request consideration of the following:

1. Allow for the expedited processing to completion of pending adoptions of children whose health is at risk.
2. Recommence exit permit issuance for families approved by the Ministry of Gender and Family's Interministerial Adoption Committee prior to September 25, 2013.
3. Provide the families who have finalized adoptions on or after September 25, 2013 with a means for obtaining exit permits.

We thank you for your immediate attention to this important matter. We look forward to working with your Government to ensure both the continuation of international adoptions and the strengthening of our international adoption process. The children involved deserve nothing less.

With sincere respect,

  
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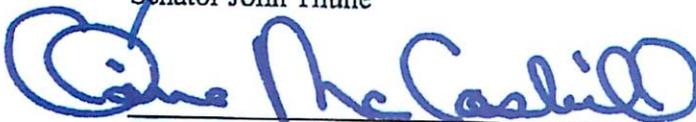
  
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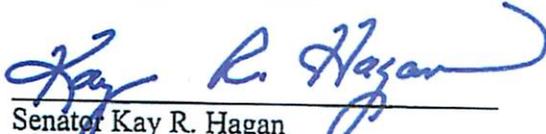
  
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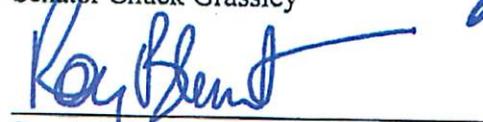
  
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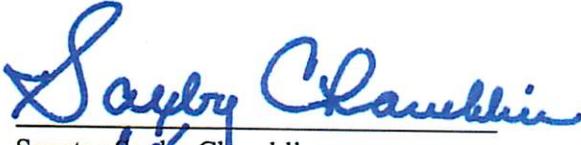
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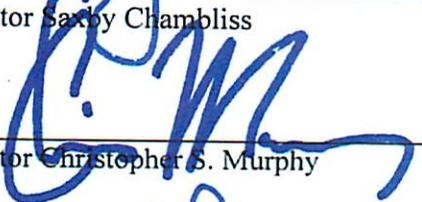
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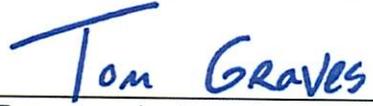
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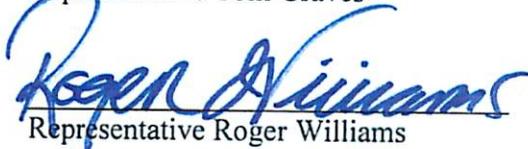


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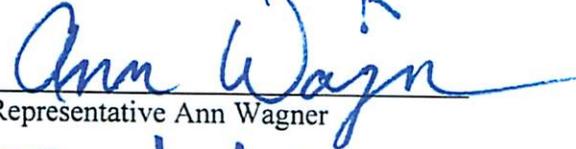
  
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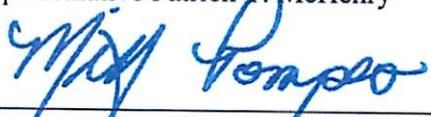
  
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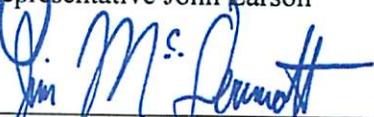
  
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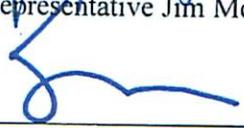
  
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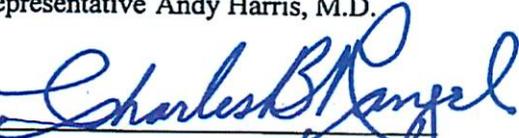
  
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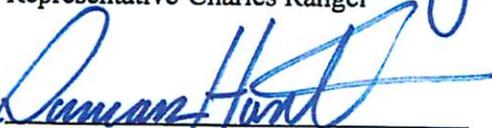
  
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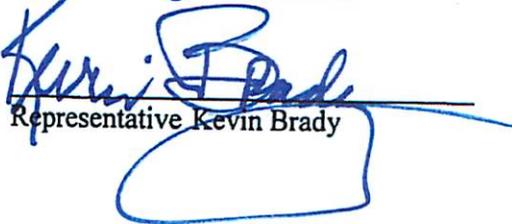
  
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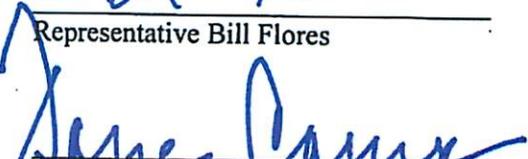
  
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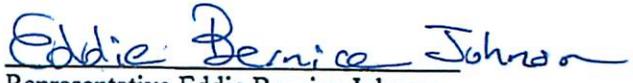
  
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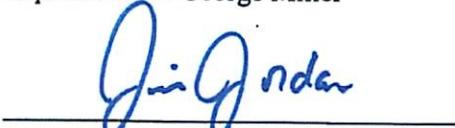
  
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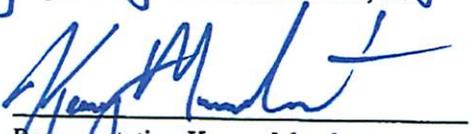
  
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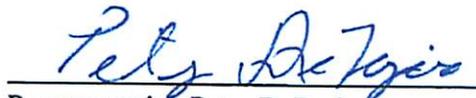
  
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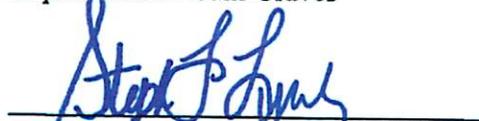
  
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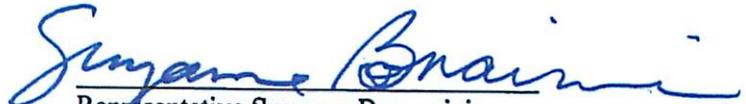
  
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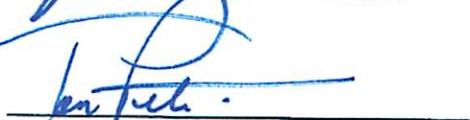
  
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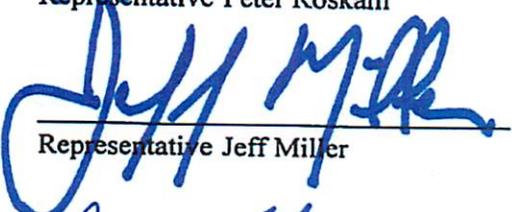
  
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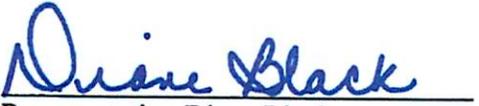
  
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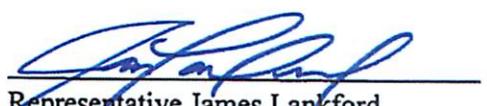
  
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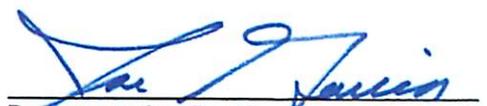
  
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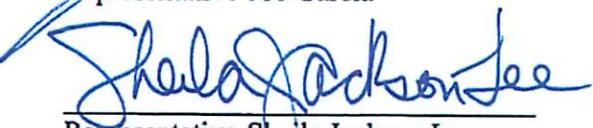
  
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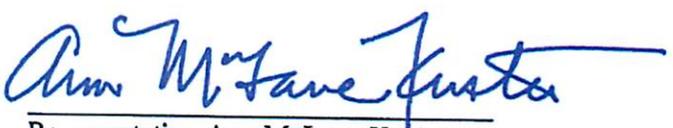
  
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**Congress of the United States**  
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July 16, 2014

The Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

We write to ask for your personal engagement to resolve over 900 international adoption cases of Congolese children who either have been or are in the process of being adopted by American families, yet who are unable to obtain Congolese exit permits due to a suspension in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). We understand that you have invited President Joseph Kabila to Washington in August for the first ever U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, and we urge you to use this event and the time leading up to it as an opportunity to press for an expeditious resolution that is in the best interest of these children.

In September 2013, the DRC suspended the issuance of exit permits for children adopted by foreign parents, reportedly due to concerns about suspected malfeasance in the local DRC adoption process and lack of information about the well-being of adopted children after they arrived in their new homes. This suspension is having tragic consequences for these children as they wait to be united with their American families. Already, 10 children who were matched with American families have died since the suspension went into place and many more have urgent, life-threatening medical problems. There are over 350 children who have been legally adopted by US families and have been given Congolese passports and U.S. visas, but are still waiting for exit letters to be able to leave the DRC.

Overcoming this impasse is a priority for many in Congress and we appreciate the State Department's efforts to raise this issue with its Congolese counterparts. In April of this year, a bipartisan and bicameral group of 170 Members of Congress wrote to President Kabila and Prime Minister Matata Ponyo, urging the DRC government to resume processing exit permits for adopted children. To date, there has been no official response to this letter. Secretary Kerry raised this issue directly with President Kabila during his visit to Kinshasa in May and later that month the DRC government did release exit letters for 19 children adopted by American families, 4 of whom were medically fragile. Unfortunately, this represented only a small percentage of the completed cases and leaves dozens of critically ill children without the medical care they need to survive. The U.S. Department of State has continuously engaged the Congolese government to resolve the remaining completed cases, but to date all overtures have been unsuccessful. For example, when the DRC Director of General Migration (DGM) Francois Beya visited the United States in June, he received multiple requests for meetings ranging from State Department officials to Members of Congress. Mr. Beya declined to schedule any meetings on

the suspended exit permit issue. That is why we are requesting your direct engagement with President Kabila.

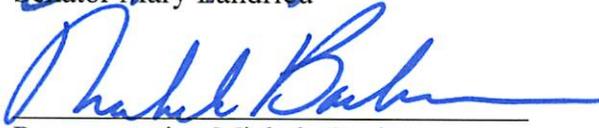
We respectfully request that you raise this human rights crisis with President Kabila prior to his attendance at the U.S.-African Leaders Summit next month, and then use the opportunity of the summit to press for a firm resolution. We would appreciate your leadership on this issue to help unite these children and their families.

Thank you for your attention to this important request.

Sincerely,

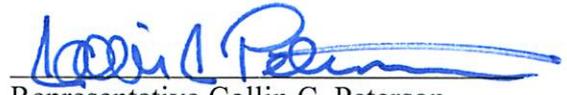
  
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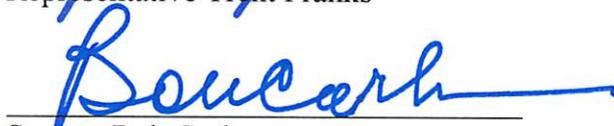
  
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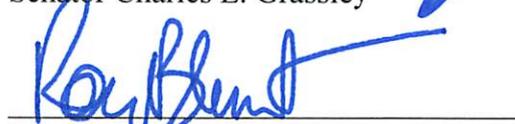
  
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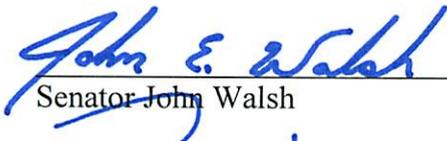
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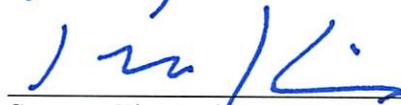
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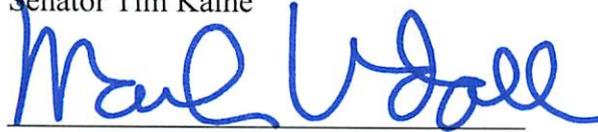
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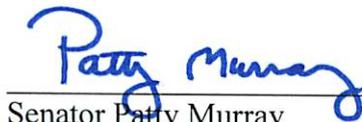
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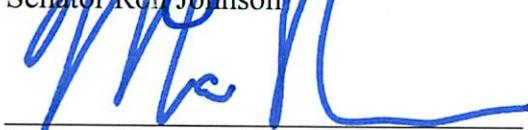
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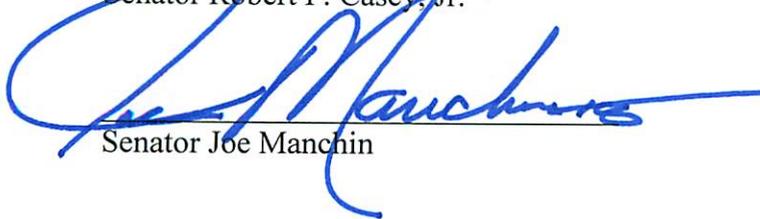
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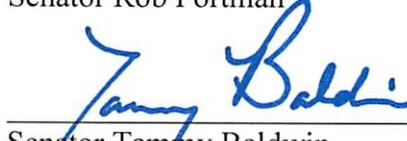
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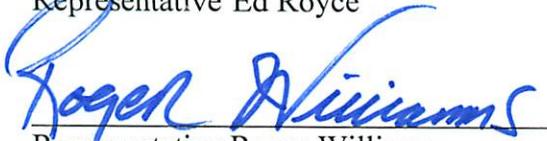
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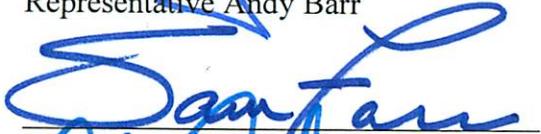
  
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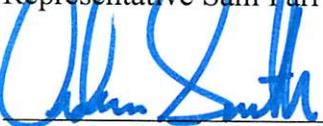
  
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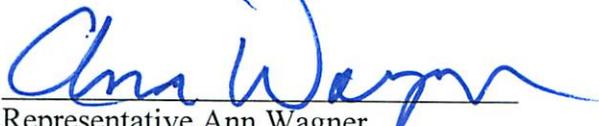
  
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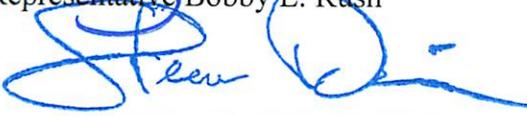
  
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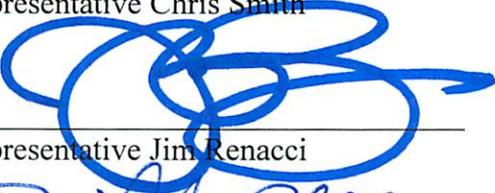
  
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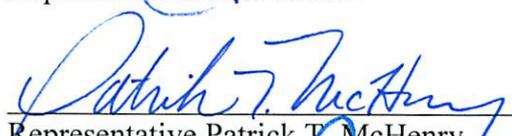
  
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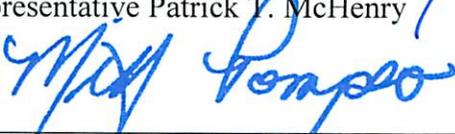
  
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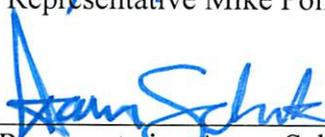
  
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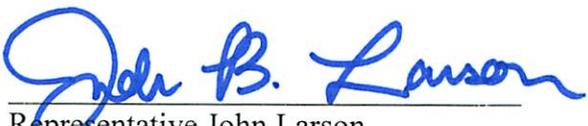
  
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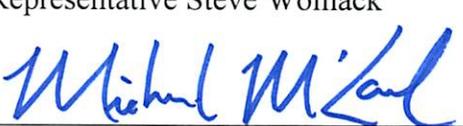
  
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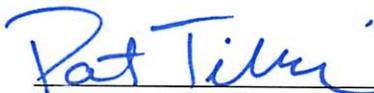
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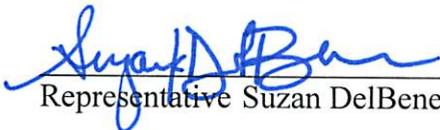
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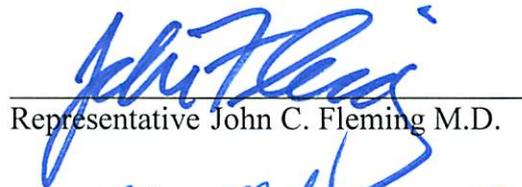
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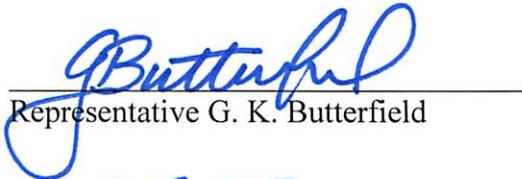
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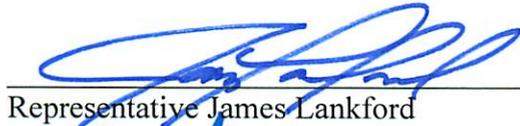
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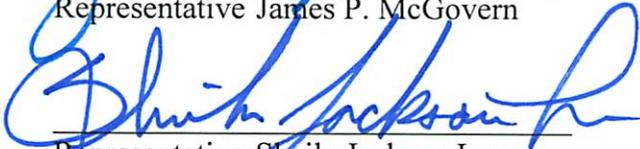
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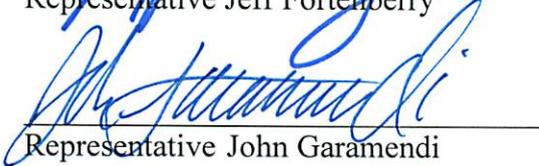
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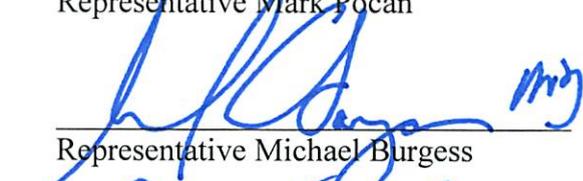
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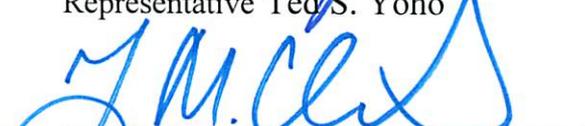
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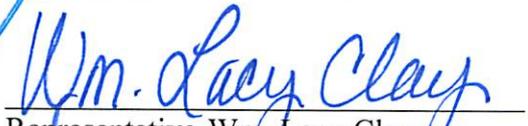
  
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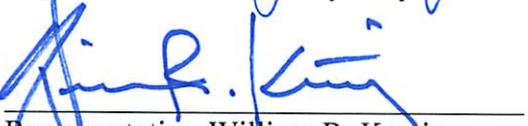
  
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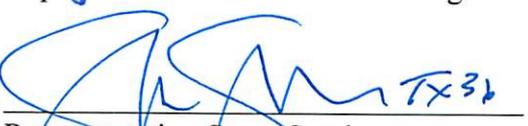
  
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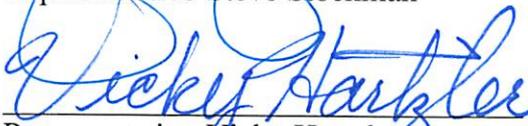
  
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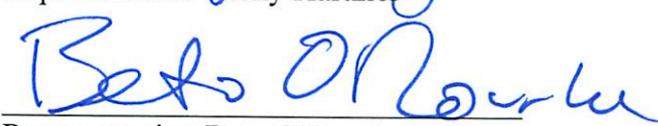
  
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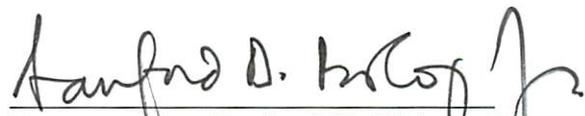
  
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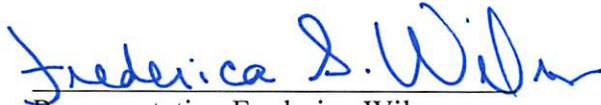
  
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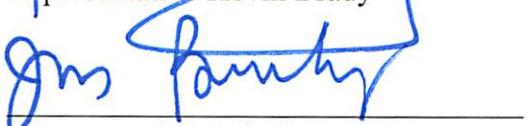
  
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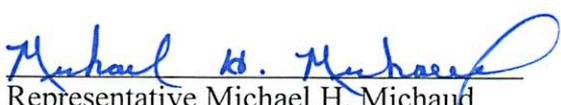
  
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October 28, 2014

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Palais du Peuple, Kinshasa

Aubin Minaku  
Speaker, National Assembly

c/o Dr. Faida Matifu  
Ambassador to the United States  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
1726 M Street NW, Suite 601  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear President Kengo and Speaker Minaku:

We the undersigned members of the United States (U.S.) Congress send greetings to you and the members of the National Assembly and the Senate. We value the good relationship between our two countries, and hope that the United States of America and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) will continue to work together on issues of mutual concern. As fellow legislators, we also understand and respect your commitment to serving the needs of the constituents you have been elected to represent.

We understand that your government has been engaged in a year-long process to strengthen your country's intercountry adoption process. We share your concern that this process be as protective of the children as possible. At the same time we recognize how vital it is for children living without the love and protection of a family to be placed with an appropriate family as quickly as possible. As Parliament considers the agenda for this legislative session, we ask that legislation to strengthen the adoption process be a top priority.

We are concerned about the welfare of the hundreds of Congolese children who have been legally adopted under Congolese law by U.S. citizens but who are unable to depart the DRC even though they possess valid visas to immediately enter the U.S. Some of these children have remained separated from their legal parents for over a year waiting for this final departure permission from the DRC. Tragically, some of these children have died while waiting for exit permission, and others are very ill and need immediate medical attention. We hope that you will agree that swift action is necessary to prevent further loss of innocent lives and the continued suffering and distress for the children and their legal parents.

We are aware of your concerns about the integrity of the DRC intercountry adoption process, and we respect your duty to discern how to protect the best interests of Congolese children. For this reason, we reiterate our April 17, 2014 offer to President Kabila and Prime Minister Ponyo to

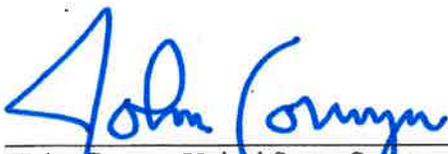
support your government's efforts to follow up on the well-being of Congolese children adopted by U.S. citizens and to work together to ensure that intercountry adoptions between our countries continue to be conducted in an ethical, transparent manner.

As lawmakers, we wish to assure you that U.S. law protects all children in our country, regardless of their country of birth or citizenship. For example, for 40 years the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) has provided our states with support to improve their child protective services, ensuring that communities are able to prevent, assess and treat cases of child abuse and neglect. CAPTA sets high standards that have helped greatly in ensuring that all incidents of abuse or neglect are reported in a consistent manner and has enabled us to provide better protection and assistance to children experiencing abuse or neglect.

The U.S. Congress has also enacted many laws that prohibit trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation of any children in the U.S., regardless of their country of birth. The laws also impose stiff penalties, up to life imprisonment or death, for those convicted of committing such horrible crimes. With respect to intercountry adoptions, Congress has passed two laws in the past 15 years which have strengthened our internal systems for overseeing and managing international adoption service providers. These two laws, the Intercountry Adoption Act (P.L. 106-279) and the Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act (P.L. 112-276), together require that all U.S. adoption service providers be accredited through a rigorous review process which holds them to high ethical and performance standards. These changes have resulted in a sharp decline in the number of adoption service providers because only those who meet these high standards are allowed to operate in the U.S.

In conclusion, we remain committed to ensuring that federal laws in the U.S. continue to protect all children against abuse and neglect, and to appropriately punish any persons who violate these laws. We respectfully request that the Congolese National Assembly and Senate prioritize legislation that strengthens the Congolese intercountry adoption process. This legislation would ensure that intercountry adoptions of Congolese children can be completed in an honest, ethical manner, and that the children who are currently waiting to be united with their legal parents can finally benefit from living with the security of a permanent, loving family.

Sincerely,

  
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John Cornyn, United States Senator

  
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Amy Klobuchar, United States Senator



Mitch McConnell, United States Senate  
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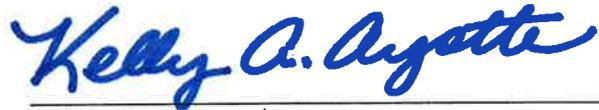
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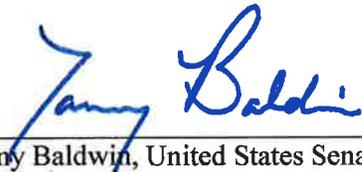
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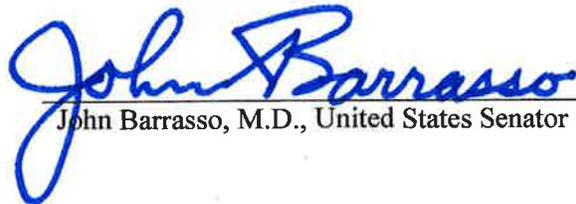
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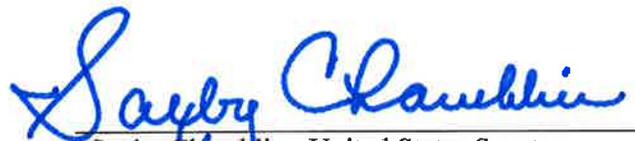
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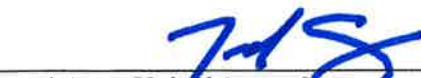
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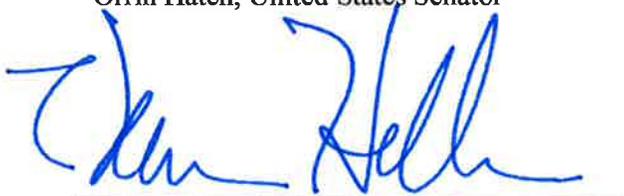
  
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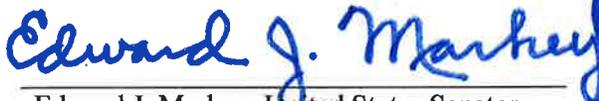
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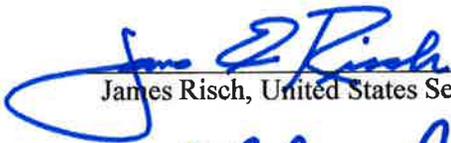
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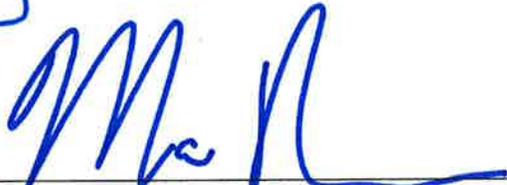
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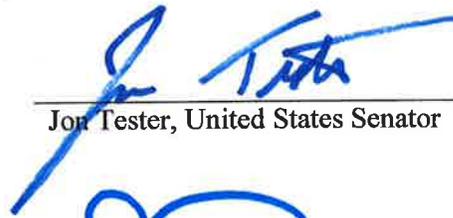
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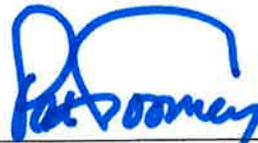
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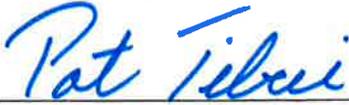
  
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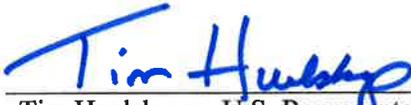
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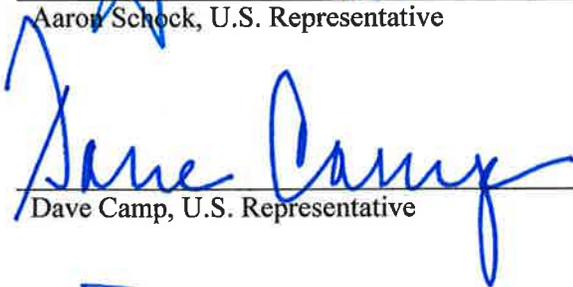
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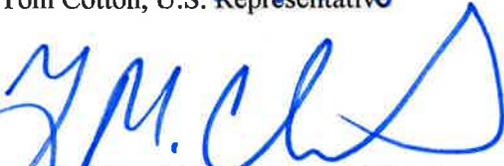
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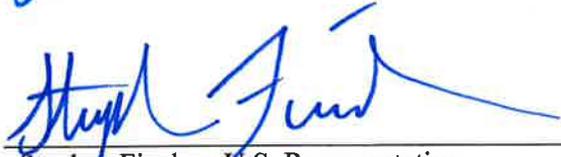
  
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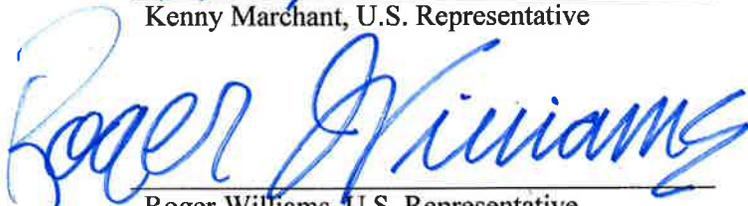
  
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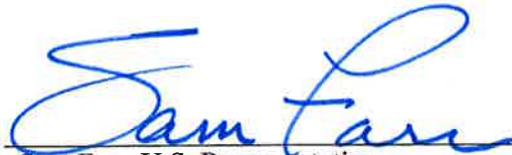
  
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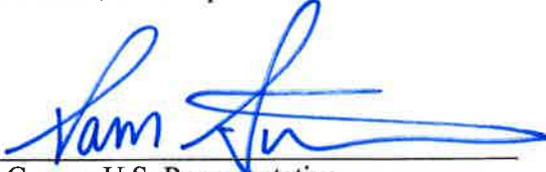
  
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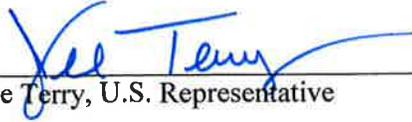


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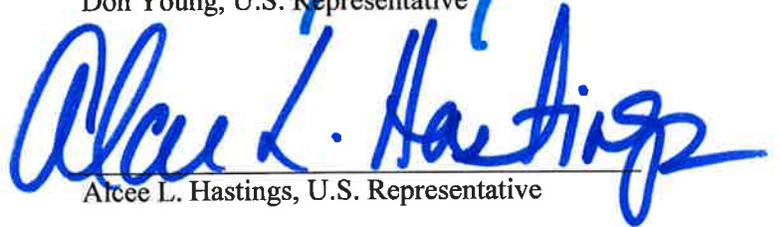
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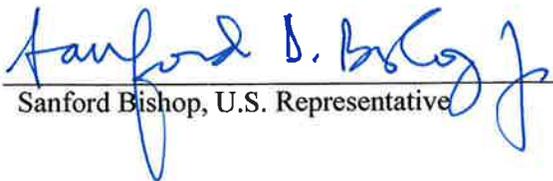
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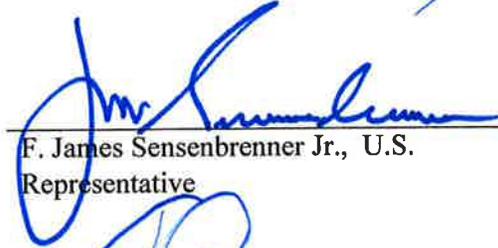
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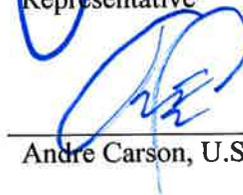
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July 31, 2015

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Palais du Peuple, Kinshasa

Aubin Minaku  
Speaker, National Assembly

c/o Dr. Faïda Matifu  
Ambassador to the United States  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
1726 M Street NW, Suite 601  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear President Kengo and Speaker Minaku:

We write today to follow up on our last correspondence of October 2014, regarding the over four hundred cases of Congolese children who have been legally adopted under Congolese law by U.S. parents but who are unable to depart the DRC. We thank you for your efforts thus far to resolve any outstanding concerns you have with the legal adoptions by American parents of Congolese children, and strongly urge you to move forward expeditiously with final authorization of all such adoption cases, and the issuance of exit permits for the children involved.

As fellow legislators, we value a good relationship between our two countries, and we respect your commitment to serving the needs of the people you represent by way of strengthening your inter-country adoption process. We share your concern that the adoption process should be as careful and protective of children as possible, and that once approved, children be placed with an appropriate adoptive family as soon as is practicable.

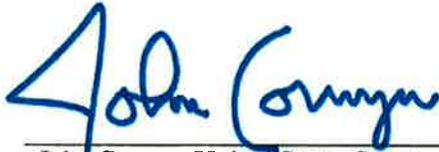
We appreciate your efforts to enable the most medically-fragile adopted children to join their adoptive parents in the United States so that they can receive necessary medical care. We also appreciate the creation of the Democratic Republic of Congo Adoption Commission and the work of the Direction Generale d'Immigration to begin reviewing and issuing exit permits as soon as possible. It is our understanding that the Commission has already approved at least 13 cases of adoptive children of American families and has sent them to President Kabila for final authorization and exit permit issuance.

While we are pleased with the progress, we respectfully request on behalf of our constituents that you urge the expedited review of the hundreds of remaining adoptive cases so they may be sent for final authorization and exit permit issuance by President Kabila as soon as possible. Due to the delay in processing the outstanding adoption cases, we understand that at least one child has unnecessarily died despite already possessing a valid visa with which to immediately enter the United States. Other children remain in unstable conditions. Furthermore, some of our constituents have put their lives in the United States on hold, relocating to the Democratic Republic of Congo to be closer to and properly care for their adopted children.

Like you, we are committed to preserving the integrity of the inter-country adoption process, and to protecting the best interests of Congolese children. As described in our October 28, 2014 letter, we are dedicated to ensuring that federal laws in the United States protect all children against abuse and neglect, and appropriately punish any persons who violate them.

We hope you will agree that it is in the best interests of the Congolese children, particularly those who have legal finalized adoptions by American families, that the inter-country adoption process continues in an honest and ethical manner. We encourage you to act without delay to facilitate the union of these loving families as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John Cornyn, United States Senator



Amy Klobuchar, United States Senator



Mitch McConnell, United States Senate Majority Leader



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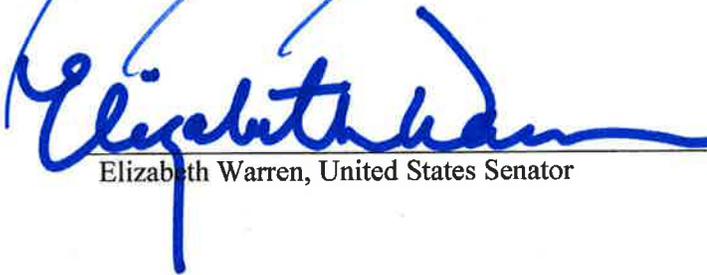
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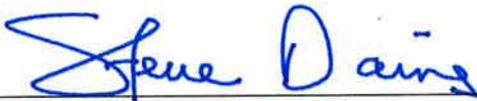
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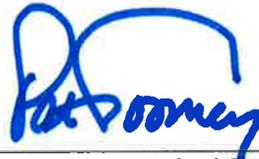
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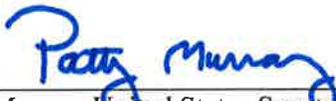
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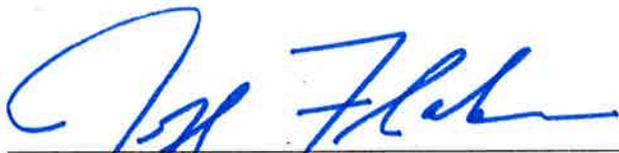
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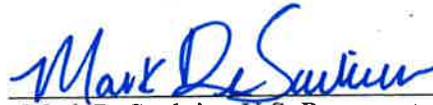
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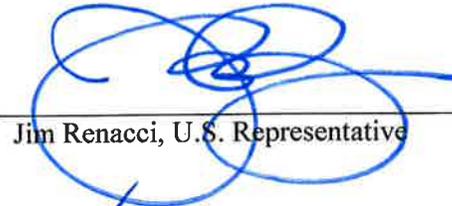
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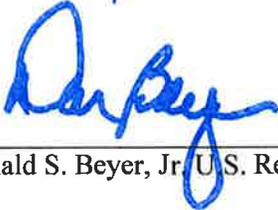
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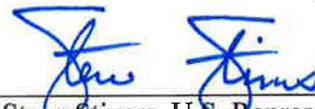
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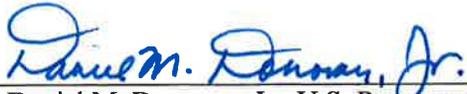
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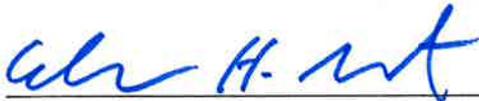
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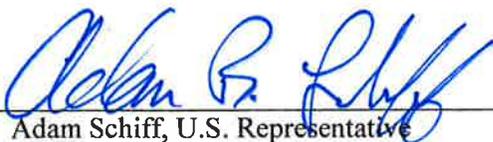
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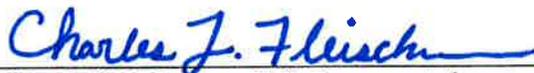
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November 9, 2015

M. Francois Nkuna Balumuene  
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
1100 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Suite 725  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ambassador Francois Nkuna Balumuene:

We write to welcome you to your recent appointment as the Democratic Republic of the Congo's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States, and to make you aware of our ongoing concerns regarding the status of children adopted from your country. More than two years have passed since the Congolese government informed the U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa that it would no longer issue exit permits to adopted Congolese children seeking to depart the country with their adoptive parents. We share the sentiments of our constituent adoptive families that this is two years too long, and we wish to formally request that your government provide us with a written timeline of how it will implement a process without delay to issue exit permits for all legally adopted children.

We also want to express our deep disappointment in the recent news that only a small number of adopted children may be permitted to depart your country to join their families until your government passes a new adoption law. While this may be welcome news for a few American families, it is incredibly disappointing for the majority of our constituents whose cases remain unresolved. It is also deeply discouraging to all of us who have been communicating and working with your government in good faith for two years to allow these children to finally come home. It is our hope that the release of this small number of children – who we hope are permitted to depart swiftly – is just the beginning of the release of all legally adopted children without delay.

As this issue has lingered, approximately 400 children who have already been legally adopted under Congolese law by American families have, in some cases, missed two birthdays with the families who are waiting to take them home. Many of them are living in foster care and orphanages, far from their families during these formative years of their young lives. Tragically, some of the children have died of preventable and treatable diseases while waiting to come home to their adoptive families.

We in the U.S. Congress understand and respect your government's interest in ensuring the well-being of children adopted from your country, and in establishing a fair and expeditious adoption process that includes appropriate safeguards. By now, we also hope you have become familiar with our own efforts to encourage a solution, including sending numerous letters to your

country's Parliament and President Kabila, passing an amendment to the U.S. Congress' budget resolution to indicate the importance of the issue, and recently passing legislation to help provide financial relief to American adoptive families. We would also reiterate the U.S. State Department's repeated offers to provide technical assistance that may help your government resolve any outstanding concerns or pursue legislation to strengthen the adoption process in your country.

However, without a definite timeline for resolving this issue for all pending cases, we are left wondering how much longer these cases will remain unresolved. In fact, your predecessor assured many of us that this stalemate would be resolved a year ago. Rather, in our view, it has become a significant hindrance in our countries' bilateral relationship and, in our understanding, is affecting your country's reputation in the international and business communities.

During this time of uncertainty, our constituent families lack clarity and are unable to plan their lives accordingly. A written timeline of how your government will implement a process without delay to issue exit permits for all legally adopted children will give these families the hope and certainty they need that their children will soon make it home. It is beyond time to allow these children to depart the country with their adoptive parents, and we hope you agree. We look forward to working with you on this and other issues of mutual importance during your time in Washington.

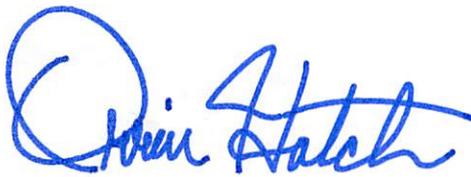
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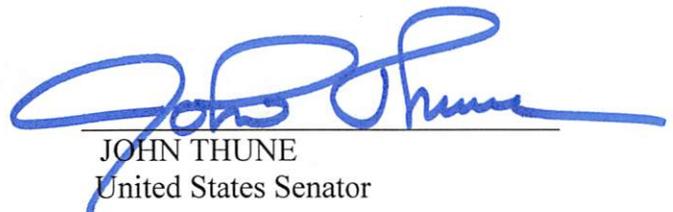
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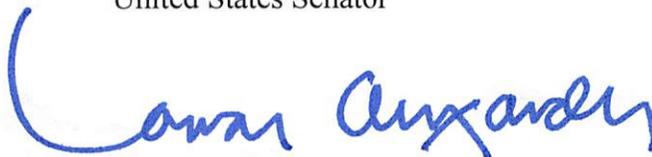
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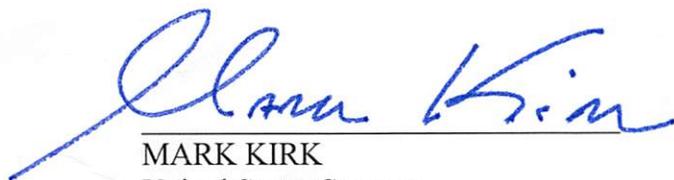
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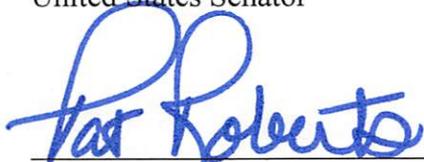
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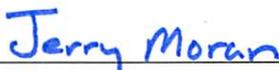
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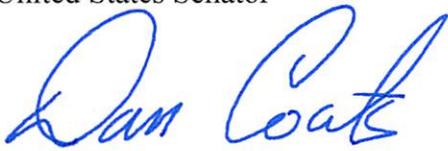
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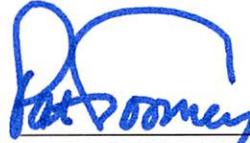
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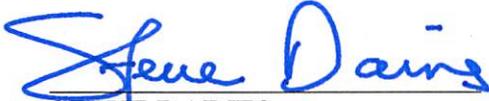
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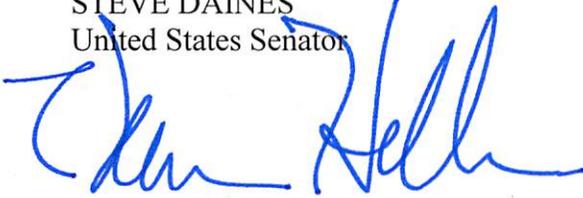
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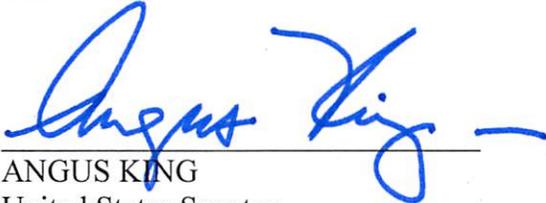
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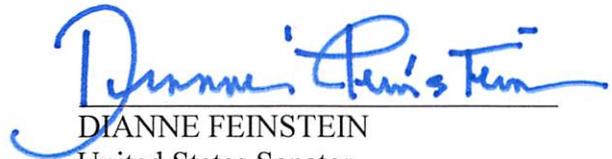
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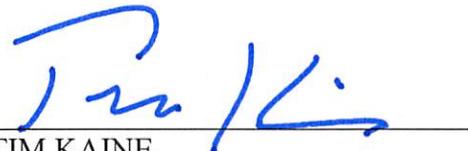
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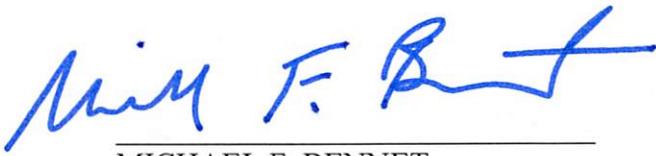
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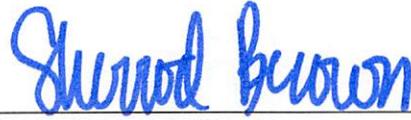
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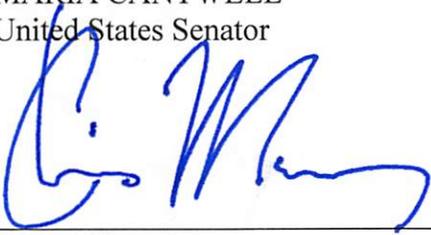
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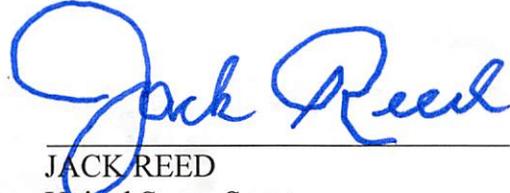
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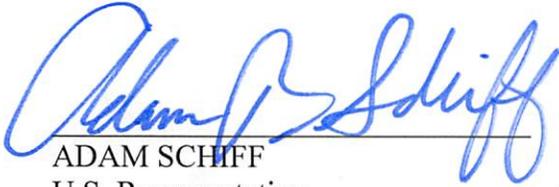
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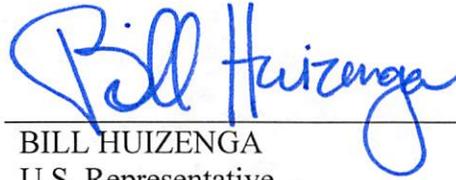
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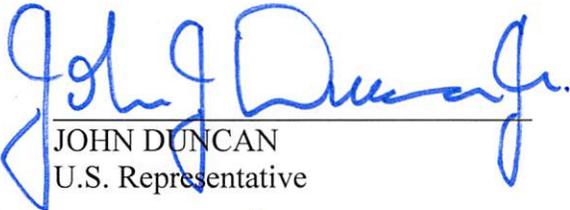
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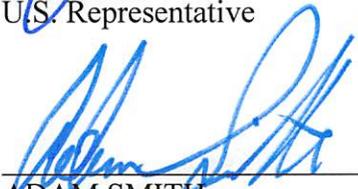
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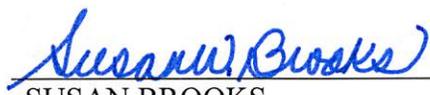
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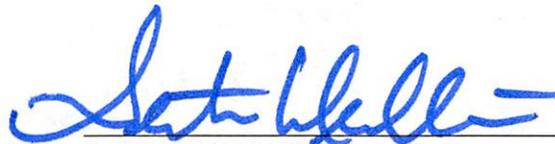


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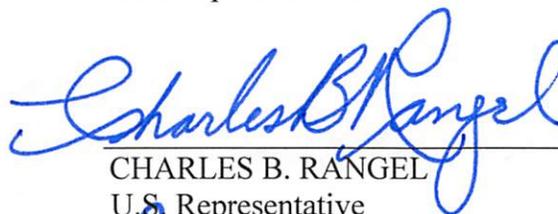
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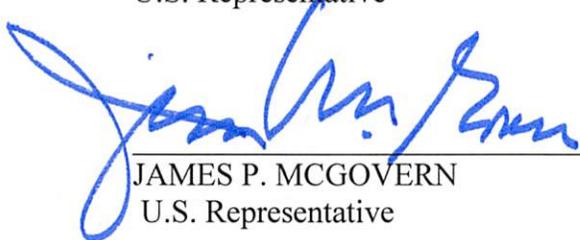
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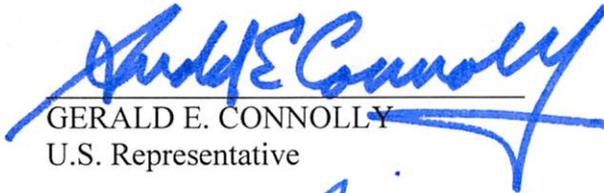
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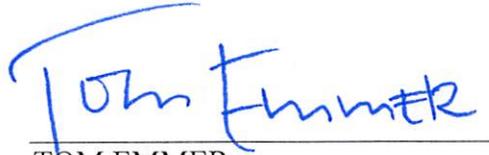
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