



February 27, 2007

Mr. Lu Ying, President
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Dear Mr. Lu,

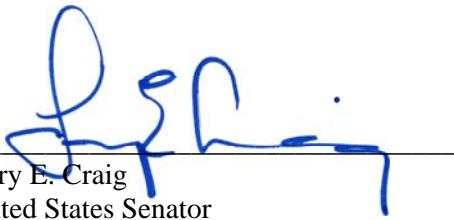
As Congressional Directors of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI), we serve a leadership role in raising the awareness of and drawing attention to the positive impact adoptions have in bringing together families and children from around the world. In keeping with this mission, we write to you regarding the recent changes in the regulations/requirements the China Center of Adoption Affairs (CCAA) has implemented regarding families interested in intercountry adoption.

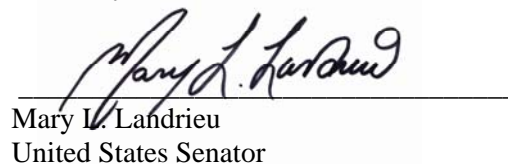
CCAI knows that the CCAA only seeks the best homes for these precious children. However, when the new regulations were announced on December 21, 2006 it was made clear that families needed to have their dossier submitted before May 1, 2007 in order to be considered under the current regulations. While CCAI believes this to be a fair and adequate process, we are writing to ask the China Center of Adoption Affairs to allow families to submit their dossier by this date for consideration under the current guidelines, even if they don't have the I-171H form; families could be allowed to add the I-171H form to their otherwise completed dossier by a later day, perhaps June 1, 2007.

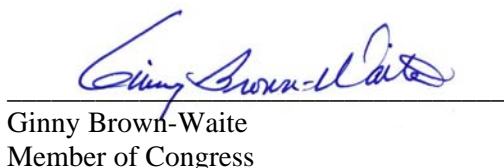
We extend this request on behalf of the many families that may miss the May 1st deadline through no fault of their own. U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services currently suffers a backlog of approximately 1000 applications; the average processing time for a I-171H form is 6 to 8 weeks. Therefore, even families who would have otherwise completed their dossiers at the time of the announcement of the guideline changes and are eligible under current guidelines may--despite their best efforts and intentions--be denied the opportunity to provide loving homes.

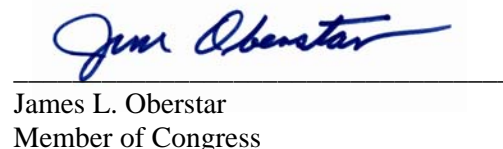
Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated. CCAI thanks you for your commitment to helping children.

Sincerely,


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