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BRING ABDUCTED CHILDREN HOME

## Co-Sponsor H.R. 1940: International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2011

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a friend of BAC Home.

Bring Abducted Children Home (BAC Home) is an organization dedicated to raising awareness and facilitating the return of all United States citizen children kidnapped to and/or wrongfully retained in Japan. Currently there are at least 350 active case files at the US Department of State of children abducted from the U.S. to Japan. The total number of abducted children in Japan still hidden or inaccessible to their parents is much, much higher.

BAC Home represents the interests of approximately 70 left-behind parents with children abducted to and/or wrongfully retained in Japan. Our members were intimately involved with drafting and obtaining sponsors for H.Res 1326 in 2010 and succeeded in lobbying the State Department to add International Child Abduction to the State Department's Annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices.

We at BAC Home want to thank you for your support of House Resolution 1326 in September 2010, which condemned Japan for, and demanded the immediate return of, 321 American children illegally abducted to Japan. This resolution passed the House of Representatives by a margin of 416-1.

We now urgently seek your support and co-sponsorship of H.R. 1940 which:

- Establishes within the Department of State an Office on International Child Abductions which shall be headed by the Ambassador at Large for International Child Abductions.
- States that Ambassador at Large shall be a principal adviser to the President and the Secretary of State regarding matters of international child abduction and refusals of rights of access.
- Requires that the Secretary of State, with the assistance of the Ambassador at Large, shall submit to Congress an Annual Report on International Child Abduction by providing detailed information with respect to unresolved cases.
- Directs the President to:
  1. annually review the status of unresolved cases in each foreign country to determine whether the government has engaged in a pattern of noncooperation, and if so, designate such country as a Country With a Pattern of Noncooperation;
  2. notify the appropriate congressional committees of such designation; and
  3. take specified presidential or commensurate actions to bring about a cessation of noncooperation.

We urge all Congressmen and Congresswomen that care about American families and their children to co-sponsor H.R. 1940 and work to Bring Abducted Children Home.

Sincerely,  
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