

Email Script (For Waiting Families)

SUBJECT LINE:

Please Take Action This Week on Adoptions From China

Dear Governor [LASTNAME],

I am writing to ask for your help. Would you take action this week to call on President Biden to act in the best interest of waiting children by working with President Xi to see that China's adoption commitments are upheld and fulfilled?

I'm a constituent whose adoption from China was first delayed for years by the pandemic and then left in a state of uncertainty by China's recent decision to end its intercountry adoption program. Last month, 103 members of Congress sent an overwhelmingly bipartisan letter to President Biden asking him to take this up, and we are hoping that governors around the country will similarly stand with our waiting children.

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But when China announced the end of its international adoption program in September 2024 without making a pathway for matched children to be united with their waiting families, it left my waiting child—and nearly 300 other children whose adoptions by US families were still in process—in limbo. All of these children have medical and emotional needs which have only become more urgent as they have waited years for us to adopt them.

We need intervention from the highest levels of government to make a way for children to join their families here in the U.S.

In an era of many divisions, uniting children with loving, permanent families is something we can all agree on. Please call on President Biden to help us, and please protect this matter as a compassionate, humanitarian carveout, separate from other issues. Time is of the essence.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[City/State]

Phone Script (For Waiting Families)

I'm a constituent, and I'm calling to ask Governor [NAME] to call on President Biden this week to work with China's President Xi to make a pathway for pending adoptions to be completed so that nearly 300 children who have been waiting years can be united with their families in the U.S. [My child, [name], is one of the waiting children.]

Pending China adoptions were stalled for years by the pandemic and then placed in a state of uncertainty by China's recent decision to end its intercountry adoption program. Our waiting children have significant medical conditions and need to join their families, so they can know the love and permanency of families and treatment can be provided. This is a bi-partisan, humanitarian, child welfare issue, not about politics, but simply about working together to unite children with families.

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