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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chairman Brady,

We are writing to express our deep concern about the provisions of the Adoption Tax Credit not being included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Acts.

We understand the elimination of most tax credits in the plan, and suggest that a simple fix would be finding a way to include the provisions of the Adoption Tax Credit into the already existing "Family and Child Tax Credits" on the tenth line of the simple, fair "postcard" tax form.

We believe including the adoption benefits in the Child Tax Credit is the easiest and most efficient solution. This would be an invisible change and would not require any alteration whatsoever in the design or verbiage of the "postcard".

We know that making the new tax plan pro-family has always been one of your primary priorities. We believe that including the provisions of the Adoption Tax Credit will make it a more holistic pro-family tax plan. Many of the families that choose to adopt are middle class families. Our tax plan should incentivize providing children a chance at a forever family, not disenfranchise adoptive families.

Our first duty in Congress is to put policies in place that protect the most vulnerable in our society, and children in need of a loving family certainly meet that criteria. We are grateful for your dedication to tax reform, and the United States will be forever indebted to the great contributions you have made in seeking the welfare of its citizens.

However, the Adoption Tax Credit has enormous symbolic, practical and humanitarian meaning and purpose. Eliminating it is not who we are as Republicans.

We deeply appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Most Sincerely,

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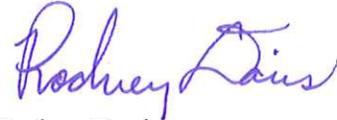
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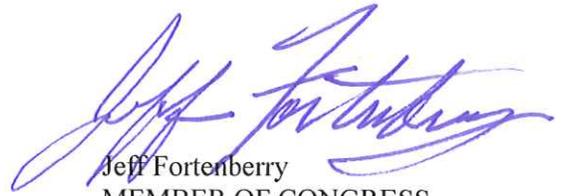
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