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Dr. Marcy E. Beildeck

## Dear Marcy,

Thank you for contacting me to share your concerns about international parental child abduction and support for H.R. 1940. I appreciate hearing from you and apologize for the delay in my response. Each week, I receive over 2,000 pieces of mail, and it often takes me longer to respond than I would like.

You'll be pleased to know that I'm a proud cosponsor of H.R. 1940! Like you, I alarmed by the growing incidence of international child abduction. As a mother and a grandmother, I can only imagine the agony and pain that a parent must go through when their child is abducted by another family member. I know that process to bring the child home can be heartbreaking and immensely difficult. Not only does this bring immeasurable pain to the parent, but it can also be highly damaging for the child, who can face serious emotional and psychological trauma from the ordeal.

I'm pleased that H.R. 1940 has been introduced to give the President and State Department new tools to secure the return of abducted American children. I am hopeful that this bill will be brought to the House floor soon so that parents with abducted children can get the relief they need and deserve.

Once again, thank you for contacting me. As your representative, I both need and value your perspective. Please sign up for my E-Newsletter at my website <a href="http://house.gov/susandavis/">http://house.gov/susandavis/</a> if you would like to receive regular updates about what is happening in Congress.

With warm regards,