

Senator Josh Hawley,

This is an urgent and desperate plea for federal intervention. Please help save my granddaughters and our family from ongoing government retaliation, forced separation, and psychological harm.

My name is Ricky G. Robinson. I grew up in Belleville, Illinois, and the St. Louis, Missouri, area. I am writing to you because my family urgently needs serious federal help concerning the wrongful taking and continued separation of my granddaughters, documented constitutional violations, retaliation, misuse of federal child-welfare funds, psychological torture, and profound violations of the human dignity of two children and my entire family.

I am asking you to call for an independent federal investigation into what San Diego County child-welfare officials, court actors, and private participants have done to my granddaughters, Malaika and Xayah Robinson, and our entire family.

What began as a young mother struggling after childbirth, postpartum depression, family stress, and the pressure of securing stable housing in high-cost San Diego should have been met with practical support. Instead, the agency imposed parenting classes, counseling, and shifting requirements while failing to provide the housing assistance the family actually needed. These children should never have been removed.

California child-welfare officials hunted the family down in Missouri and contacted Missouri Children's Services, which refused involvement because the circumstances did not meet the criteria for child abuse or neglect. A caregiver and social worker then coordinated and pressured Evelyn to return voluntarily to California with her children. Once she returned, the breastfeeding mother was jailed and forced to miss her youngest daughter's first birthday—and the family's nightmare began.

No American family should have to live under this kind of government terror. This became a sick experiment on children, parents, grandparents, siblings, and an elderly great-grandmother. It has caused catastrophic psychological and emotional harm to our entire family.

Malaika and Xayah's mother, Evelyn Lopez, completed every class, counseling session, parenting program, therapy requirement, and service demanded of her. She attended her visits and continued showing up for her daughters. Every time she reached one goal, the agency moved the target and created another barrier.

Behind closed doors, Evelyn was pressured to separate from her family support. A social worker repeatedly told her Malaika and Xayah would not be returned while she lived with their RFA-approved paternal grandfather, who also served as caregiver, conservator, and

trustee for their elderly great-grandmother, in a home already investigated, cleared, and approved by the County. She was told to move out and reject the very paternal-family support the government had determined was safe.

On one recorded phone call, the worker asked Evelyn, "Are you by yourself?" After she said yes, he began gaslighting and pressuring her. In a separate recorded meeting, he stood at the door with his hand on the doorknob while lecturing her, forcing her to ask more than once whether she could get by and leave. Her daughters were used as leverage to isolate and intimidate her.

That retaliatory pattern also appeared in the conduct of the children's guardian ad litem. After demanding that photographs and online posts be removed, she pursued a restraining order against the paternal grandfather in another courthouse, forcing him to transport his fragile elderly dependent mother with dementia on an 80-mile round trip. This was obvious forum shopping and retaliation against protected speech.

As our family passed out flyers, appeared on podcasts, spoke before the Board of Supervisors, and brought public attention to the case, the retaliation escalated. Visits were taken away, family bonds were attacked, and restraining orders were pursued against the children's own paternal grandfather, separating him from his granddaughters. Advocates and investigative journalists who exposed the misconduct were also targeted, mischaracterized in official records, and blocked from supporting Evelyn. False statements were repeated until allegations appeared to be established facts, while favorable evidence was ignored or excluded.

Malaika and Xayah's great-grandmother was an innocent elderly dependent woman with dementia who loved them deeply. This remains the family home where she lived and where I cared for her as her caregiver, conservator, and trustee. I am the girls' paternal grandfather, and the County approved me as their RFA caregiver.

Despite my approval and responsibilities, Malaika and Xayah were never allowed to enter their great-grandmother's home and see her again. She died at age 88 before she could see them return. The system permanently took that remaining time from her and from our entire family.

Evelyn is safely raising her twins and has cared for them continuously since their birth in November, yet child-welfare officials continue to prevent her from seeing or speaking with Malaika and Xayah, whom she has not seen for nearly a month as of this letter. The older girls have never been allowed to meet the twins. Child-welfare workers came searching for the twins at dusk, an encounter I recorded, but the babies were not taken. The same

system accepts that Evelyn can safely raise the twins while continuing to sever her relationship with her older daughters.

After Evelyn, the children's mother, spoke publicly, the County's claims kept changing—from abuse allegations, to an incident involving Malaika in her father's car, to "no bond," and finally that the children were stable in placement. A neurotherapist testified for two days that a strong bond existed, severing it would cause catastrophic psychological and emotional harm, and social workers closed their laptops before the children's worst end-of-visit trauma began, leaving that harm out of their reports. Multiple videos posted online show the children's severe distress and are difficult for many viewers to watch.

Our evidence shows that San Diego County is using federally funded foster care to prolong family separation instead of supporting safe reunification or approved family placement. False records, concealed favorable evidence, retaliation, and coordination with private caregivers keep children in care while their psychological and behavioral harm worsens, creating additional publicly funded spending for behavioral-health treatment, psychiatric care, and prescription medications.

Prolonged cases also generate continuing public expenditures across foster care, County Counsel, appointed attorneys, guardians ad litem, behavioral-health services, court proceedings, and adoption-related funding. Families, advocates, and investigative journalists nationwide have raised similar concerns. These interconnected financial incentives—and San Diego County's ongoing use of Title IV-E funds—demand an immediate independent federal investigation and full audit.

Our evidence documents violations of our First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights. County officials retaliated against our speech, publication, petitions, and family association; continued the seizure and separation of the children; and denied due process, parental rights, family integrity, and familial association. These were not isolated errors—they were coordinated deprivations of constitutional rights requiring immediate federal investigation.

The record shows coordinated action between public officials and private caregivers to isolate our family, repeat false allegations, obtain restraining orders, and retaliate against protected speech. This conduct warrants federal investigation for potential violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 241 and 242, civil-rights review under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, and False Claims Act review if false records or statements were material to claims for federal reimbursement.

We possess recordings, messages, official reports, medical records, court documents, and witness testimony documenting what occurred. This case does not depend on our word alone—the evidence is verifiable and will withstand independent scrutiny. I am asking you

to obtain the records, listen to the recordings, follow the federal money, and determine who participated, who benefited, and who violated the law.

What San Diego County has done has shaken my faith that an American family can be safe from unchecked government power. I wake up every day emptied by the absence of Malaika and Xayah. I can barely imagine the depth of their mother's pain—or the terror Malaika and Xayah are living through.

Despite restraining orders involving my own granddaughters, threats of incarceration, and repeated efforts to silence me, I will continue documenting and publishing the evidence until there is an independent federal investigation and accountability.

No American family—especially children and vulnerable senior citizens—should ever be forced to live under this kind of government intimidation, separation, and terror. Please help stop this ongoing nightmare and protect Malaika and Xayah from further harm.

Senator Hawley, demand an independent federal investigation. Demand the records. Demand accountability.

Help us bring Malaika and Xayah home.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ricky G. Robinson". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

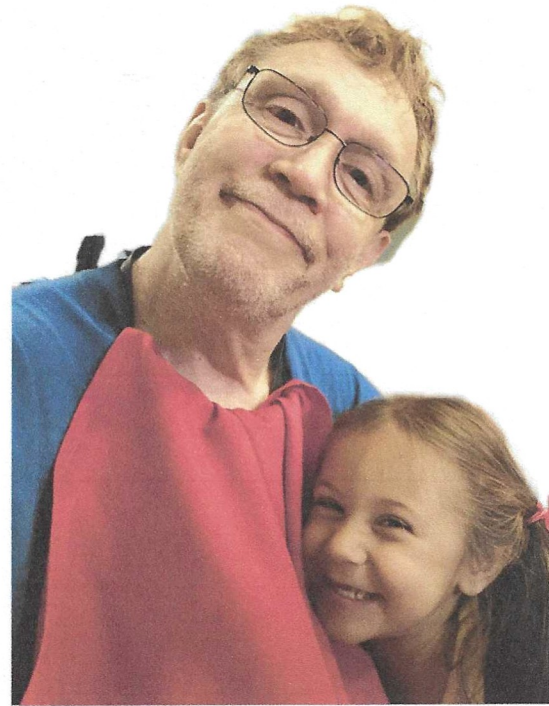
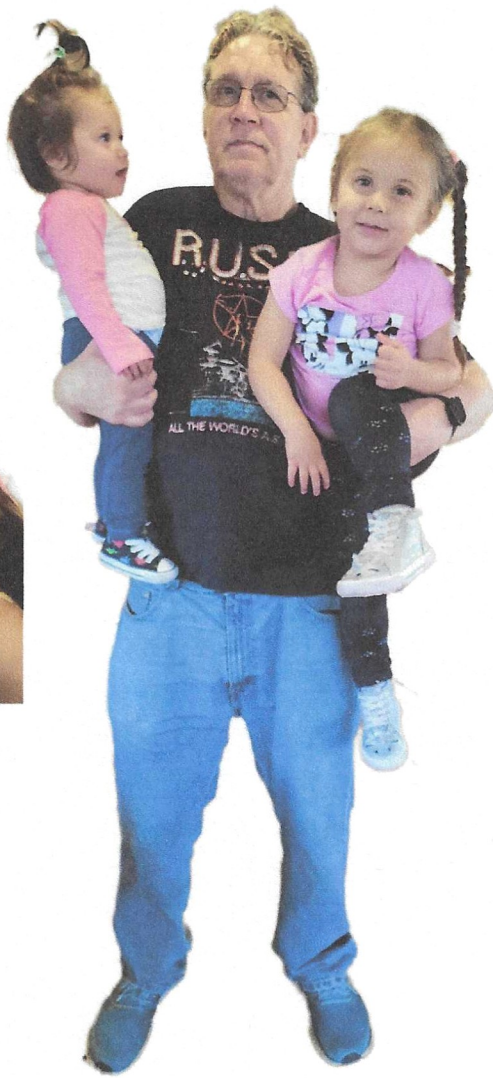
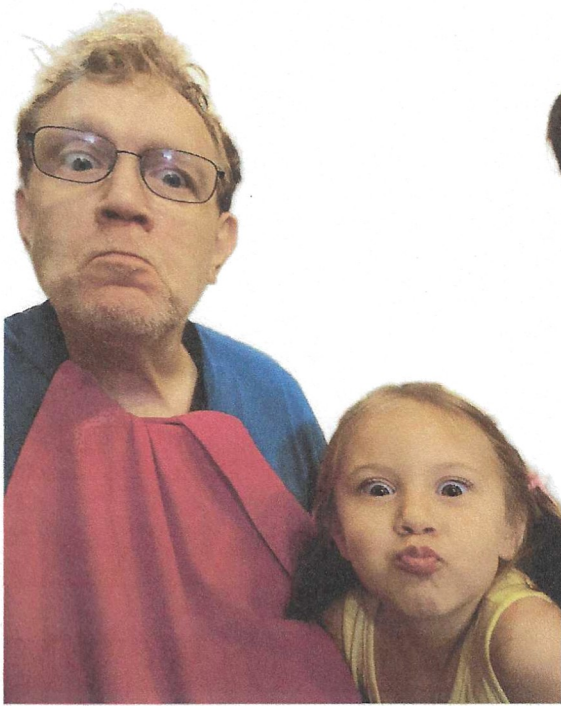
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Senator Hawley, Please Look at Their Faces

Malaika and Xayah Robinson were not rescued. They were wrongfully taken from a loving family and catastrophically traumatized by prolonged separation. The corruption and abuse of government power surrounding this case are out of control and must be stopped. Please use your office to demand an independent federal investigation and help bring them home.

