

The Honorable Josh Hawley

United States Senator

Senator Hawley:

For more than two years, my family has been subjected to one of the most extreme examples of child-welfare fraud, retaliation, case-fixing, and coordinated abuse of government power imaginable. Bureaucrats, attorneys, caregivers, and court actors ganged up on an entire family and kept two young children separated from their blood family even though the records repeatedly state that Malaika and Xayah were not abused or neglected.

This case should have ended more than a year and a half ago. Instead, officials kept it alive, generated years of federally funded services and proceedings, filled the records with false and misleading statements, and punished anyone who exposed what they were doing. Family members, advocates, journalists, mandated reporters, and other witnesses were attacked, discredited, silenced, threatened, or targeted with restraining orders. When officials did not like someone speaking out, they used their authority against that person.

The fraud began when Evelyn Lopez was in Missouri. Missouri's Children's Division was contacted, and a worker named Jane stated that the circumstances did not meet the criteria for child abuse or neglect. California workers and a private caregiver nevertheless frightened Evelyn into returning to California by threatening that the United States Marshals, Border Patrol, and other law-enforcement agencies would come after her. She returned, turned herself in, and a breastfeeding mother was jailed for five days—long enough to make her miss her daughter's first birthday—before being released without criminal charges. From that point forward, the family was pulled into a coordinated nightmare.

The evidence includes recordings, sworn statements, court records, medical records, text messages, agency reports, threats tied to protected speech, false allegations, retaliatory restraining orders, and direct contradictions throughout the official record. The case continued despite repeated proof that Malaika and Xayah had a safe, approved family home and relatives fighting to bring them home. Instead of reunification, officials are continuing to isolate Malaika and Xayah from their family and inflict catastrophic psychological and emotional harm that remains ongoing today.

Under the guise of child protection, this system is terrorizing families. It is using fraud, waste, abuse, retaliation, false records, restraining orders, and coordinated government power against parents, relatives, advocates, journalists, mandated reporters, and anyone else who exposes misconduct. Title IV-E funds and other public resources are being used to prolong family separation while millions of dollars continue flowing through a system that punishes people for speaking publicly. They are creating behavioral-health crises in the very children and families the system claims to protect.

My 88-year-old mother died during this ordeal without ever seeing her great-granddaughters returned to the family. Malaika and Xayah have lost irreplaceable time with

their parents, grandparents, great-grandmother, siblings, and extended family. The damage cannot be measured only in money or court dates. An entire family has been catastrophically harmed.

I am asking you to personally review this matter and demand an independent federal investigation outside San Diego County and outside California. The investigation must examine child-welfare fraud, misuse of federal funding, falsified and manipulated records, retaliation for protected speech, coordinated abuse of authority, obstruction, and the use of courts and restraining orders to silence a family and its supporters.

For decades, child-welfare bureaucracies have operated as though they are untouchable. They lie in official records, manufacture narratives, leave behind paper trails and recorded admissions, and carry out retaliation in broad daylight with no mercy, no empathy, and no fear of accountability. They act as though they are above the law because they have been protected for so long. That protection must end.

I am reaching out to you because I was raised in the Midwest, with roots in Southern Illinois and Missouri. Even Missouri's Children's Division recognized that something was wrong when California officials were calling across state lines, hunting down a young mother and her babies, while Missouri found that the circumstances did not meet the criteria for child abuse or neglect. I do not trust California officials to investigate themselves.

If at all possible, I would be grateful if you could speak with Audra Morgan of eyeofthestormmm. She is an independent investigator, reporter, and advocate for Evelyn Lopez who has worked closely on our case for nearly two years and helped bring it to public attention. She knows our case inside and out, understands the broader pattern affecting other families, and would welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

We also have an 84-year-old civil-rights attorney who has practiced law for more than 50 years and was among the first Black women to intern at the White House during the civil-rights movement. She is prepared to speak openly about what she has uncovered, including her analysis of massive financial fraud within the foster-care system and the thousands of children she says should be returned safely to their families.

Senator Hawley, you have shown that you are willing to confront powerful government officials. I am asking you to bring that same courage to a system that has operated without meaningful accountability while Malaika and Xayah continue to pay the price.

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ricky G. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

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First, San Diego County's child-welfare fraud and foster-prison machine kidnapped Malaika and Xayah. Then it came after her twins. How many Robinson children does this machine believe it is entitled to target before it finally leaves this family alone?

"Anyone who kidnaps someone is to be put to death, whether the victim has been sold or is still in the kidnapper's possession." — Exodus 21:16

