

First Lady Melania Trump and Staff

The White House

Re: Your August 5 Response — This Is Not a Letter Supporting Foster Care

First Lady Trump and Staff,

Thank you for responding to my previous letters. However, your August 5 response completely misunderstood why I contacted you.

I am not writing in support of foster care.

I am writing to warn you about what can happen inside the foster-care system when government power, retaliation, failed oversight, and permanent separation replace the stated goal of protecting children and reunifying families.

My granddaughters, Malaika and Xayah, are not children without a family. They have a mother, father, grandfather, siblings, and extended family who have fought relentlessly for them.

These two little girls have been separated from their blood family while their mother worked her case plan, maintained a strong bond with them, and fought to bring them home. I was an approved family placement. Yet the family has faced escalating restrictions, retaliation, accusations, restraining orders, removal of visits, and ultimately termination of parental rights.

Your response thanked me for my continued support of foster children and families.

That is not what my letters said.

I am asking a much harder question:

Does anyone in your office understand what is actually happening to some children and families inside this system?

You wrote that, as a mother, this issue remains close to your heart. That is precisely why I am asking you and your staff to look beyond a standard foster-care response and actually review what I sent.

This case involves two little girls who know and love their family. It involves recordings, court records, medical evidence, expert testimony concerning their bonds and the harm caused by separation, and a documented history that deserves serious outside scrutiny.

I previously offered to help your team understand what families are experiencing firsthand. That offer remains open.

Please do not classify this correspondence as another letter supporting foster-care programs.

This is a warning about children becoming trapped in foster care despite having family fighting to bring them home.

I am enclosing a copy of your August 5 letter so there is no confusion about the response I am addressing.

Please have someone actually review the substance of my previous correspondence and the circumstances involving Malaika and Xayah.

August 11, 2026

Respectfully,

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

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