President Donald J. Trump,

I am writing again because your administration is speaking about restoring parental rights and putting families ahead of government bureaucracy. I want to know where those rights are when the government itself becomes the problem.

Where were the parents' rights when Malaika and Xayah were barely one and three years old and San Diego County allowed two American babies to be taken to the Dominican Republic over their parents' objections? Then it happens again when they are roughly two and four. Their mother and father do not sign off on those trips. I object as their grandfather and as an RFA-approved family member, and it means nothing. Why is a government that claims to protect American families allowing two little American girls to be repeatedly flown out of the country with nonrelative caregivers while their own mother, father, grandparents, siblings, and extended family are here fighting for them? Why is the system empowering caregivers to take these children across international borders while stripping the actual family of meaningful authority? If America First means anything, then explain why Malaika and Xayah's own American family is pushed aside while government bureaucracy sends our girls back and forth to the Dominican Republic.

Where were their rights when our family began reporting suspected abuse inside foster care? That fight made us enemies. Where were their rights when we raised sexual-abuse concerns involving Malaika and Xayah then demanded that those concerns be taken seriously? Instead of the family being treated as the first line of protection for these children, we watched the system minimize concerns, control the investigation, and increasingly portray the people raising alarms as the problem.

Where were Evelyn Lopez's rights after she completes services, attends therapy, never misses visits, and progresses to months of unsupervised visitation? Every time reunification gets closer, the target moves. New accusations appear. New restrictions appear. Eventually a mother who does what the government demands is portrayed as dangerous while the children remain in what our family calls foster prison.

Where are parental rights when parents and grandparents object to false statements, contradictory reports, and testimony they know does not match the recordings, records, and witnesses? Where are those rights when protected speech becomes part of government reports, family members lose visitation after speaking publicly, and restraining orders follow the people exposing the system?

This is the question I am asking you to confront: What good are parental rights if a child-welfare bureaucracy can override parents, disregard family objections, ignore abuse

concerns, move the target whenever reunification gets close, and punish a family for speaking out?

Our family has recordings, videos, texts, court records, medical records, sworn statements, photographs, witnesses, and expert testimony. A neurotherapist warns of catastrophic psychological and emotional harm from severing Malaika and Xayah's family bonds. The children have a mother, father, grandparents, siblings, and extended family fighting for them.

If your administration is serious about restoring parental rights, then please look at San Diego County.

Examine what happened to Malaika and Xayah Robinson. Examine the ex parte travel order. Examine the abuse concerns. Examine the sexual-abuse concerns. Examine the retaliation. Examine the moving targets. Examine the money. Examine the records.

Look at the photographs of Malaika and Xayah outside the Sheriff's Department holding pink signs that say I LOVE MOM during what was supposed to be one of their final visits with their mother. Those pictures say more than any government report can. Our girls love their mother, they are bonded to their family, and they are being made to suffer through a separation they did not choose.

Then ask whether this is child protection — or government power destroying a family while calling it protection.

Help us bring Malaika and Xayah home.

This letter and supporting materials may also be published online as part of our continuing effort to document this case and bring public attention to what is happening to Malaika and Xayah.

For the record,

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