

OPEN LETTER

National Council for Adoption (NCFA)
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Americans for International Aid and Adoption
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SENT BY E-MAIL

Brussels, 21 May 2012

Re: deportation of Kairi Shepherd

Dear Mr. Johnson, Dear Ms. Fox,

We would like to bring the following to your urgent attention.

Following the harrowing news of the upcoming deportation of yet another adoptee, Kairi Shepherd, to India, ACT has teamed up with a number of concerned organizations and individuals. All are working tirelessly towards preventing this deportation. A deportation of a woman who was adopted under US laws from India, but whose US adopter did not finalize the process to acquire US citizenship.

At the same time, we take note of the fact that another adoptee was deported back to Russia by his adopter. This action was widely condemned by i.a. several US adoption agencies, the JCICS, NCFA and last but not least, the US authorities. A US Court recently condemned the adopter to pay the costs of the adoptee's upbringing in Russia. The adoption agency that mediated the adoption, WACAP, and NCFA hired top notch lawyers to defend the adoptee.

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This is in sheer contrast of what is now happening to adoptee Kairi Shepherd.

Despite a public outcry against the upcoming deportation, Kairi Shepherd and her supporters find themselves without funding.

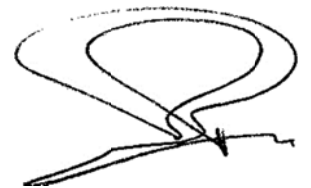
ACT hereby calls upon

- NFCA and AIAA, the agency that mediated Kairi Shephers' adoption, to financially support those who are working on the Kairi Shepherd's case, so that lawyers can be hired and her rights can be upheld;
- NFCA and AIAA to do the same for deported adoptee Jennifer Haynes;
- NCFA, JCICS and the adoption community at large to take action so that the 2000 Child Citizenship Act will be urgently modified and give US citizenship to ALL adoptees.

We look forward to your reply. Considering the urgency of the matter, please send your reply to info@againstchildtrafficking.org.

Yours sincerely,

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