

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0305**

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The Honorable Antony J. Blinken  
Secretary  
United States Department of State  
2201 C Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken,

Recently several of my constituents contacted me seeking help from the federal government as they try to finalize adoptions of children from Ukraine. I recognize that the ongoing aggression by Russia has forced the Ukrainian government to devote its resources to defending its nation, rather than other humanitarian needs. But the United States may have the ability to assist in these efforts.

Specifically, the Linnell family from Chandler, Arizona, is in the process of adopting a daughter whom they previously hosted in the United States. Because the adoption has not been finalized, they cannot get a visa to bring her to the United States.

On behalf of the Linnell family and other families who are working to finalize adoptions and bring children out of harm's way in Ukraine, I request that the State Department engage with the Ukrainian government to finalize these adoptions as quickly as possible. I look forward to receiving an update on your efforts.

Sincerely,



Andy Biggs  
Member of Congress