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Our daughter and son-in-law have been in the process of adopting a child from Vietnam for 1 ½ years now. Please help them to complete their adoption and bring our next grandchild home. It is our most heartfelt request that you strongly encourage the Department of State to support "grandfathering" in dossiers that have been submitted by July 1st, 2008. This would allow them and all other families currently logged in to receive a baby referral even after September 1st.

Please urge the department of state to send a letter to Dr. Long of the DIA stating that they will allow Visas to be issued to the referred children so that families can complete the adoption and bring their children home to the United States.

Dr. Long and the DIA has indicated that they are willing to support the "grandfathering" process. Please encourage the Department of State to do the same. The USCIS implemented DNA testing and the Orphans First program. These steps will help bring confidence to the adoption process and allow the US with Vietnam to negotiate a new MOU with the goal of becoming a Hague country. Closing the program at this point will leave the our children and future grandchild and thousands of other families and orphans in limbo for years.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts regarding our request. This is a very trying time for our family and we hope this does not end in sadness.

Sincerely,

Richard & Virginia Baldwin

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