

Dear Representative:

It is estimated that each year more than 350,000 parental abductions occur. 163,000 of those cases involve the concealment of a child, transporting out of state, or intent to keep the child permanently. According to the National Center For Missing And Exploited Children approximately 10% of these cases are international child abductions, where the child is removed from the United States of America, illegally, in violation of court orders, parental rights, and the child's rights. These statistics represent roughly 16,500 U.S. citizens abducted to foreign lands each year, taken from American soil against their will. These are children, too young to defend themselves, being stripped of their rights as U.S. citizens as well as their natural rights to family relationships.

Illegal entry through U.S. borders has been a hot topic of late, but who would ever have imagined how easy it is to illegally exit. One would think that with such heightened security measures that would allow airline passengers to be detained for trying to carry on a nail clipper or a bottle of soda that a U.S. citizen could not be taken against their will, without their passport right through security. With all the money we spend on security looking for potentially illegal activities how could we allow a crime to be perpetrated against one of our citizens, a defenseless child, under the watchful eye of our agents. According to the U.S. Department of State's website "The United States government does not have exit controls at the border." That's an outrage!

As Americans, we surely have much to fear when thousands of our citizens are abducted and taken from our homeland each year right through the security checkpoints that are meant to keep us safe. As "The super power", we certainly have the resources, ability, and responsibility to establish and enforce some form of exit controls at our borders. A policy of no exit controls acts as an accomplice to the abductor, aiding and abetting them in their crime of kidnapping. As a nation of law, it should be within the power and certainly the duty of our agents to uphold the law. A criminal should not be able to fly away from justice, first class.

I contact you on behalf of the thousands of other children kidnapped and taken from our country each year. As my representative, I would like you to look into measures to prevent further abductions; our current lack of border control simply makes it too easy. As Americans, we surely have much to fear when abduction of American children becomes commonplace and illegal exit from our country is so easy. Our borders are in great danger.

I contact you because of this crisis in our own country. As my representative, I would like to have you look into why these abductions happen to thousands of American children annually. I look forward to your reply

Yours Truly,