Dear Representative NAME:

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On behalf of the countless children waiting to be adopted, and the many thousands of families that stand to benefit from the adoption tax credit, thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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CITY, STATE
EMAIL/PHONE #

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