

Dear Congressman/ Congresswoman _____ ,

I am writing to you today to request your sponsorship of House Resolution 1940, the International Child Abduction Prevention and Return Act of 2011.

The issue is a very personal one to me, because it affects my _____ Brian Prager, and his beloved 5-year-old son, Louis "Rui" Prager. Rui was abducted from his home in New York City in June 2010 and is now hidden somewhere in Japan. His daddy, Brian, is without any means of contact or continuing his relationship with his son. Brian loves him, wants to care for and raise him, and is striving against grave odds to seek Rui's return home.

Although Brian's right as a father and Rui's right to protection have been grossly violated, it does not end there. Today, Japan is a black hole and a haven for the state-sponsored practice of child abduction.

This is why we are asking for passage of H.R. 1940.

What necessitates this response from the US Congress is:

- 1 the violation of U.S. sovereign rights over the protection and custody of American children;
- 2 the conviction that the young and helpless among us have legal, civil, and universal human rights that must be protected;
- 3 that Congress must now issue a recognition that the magnitude and regularity of international child abductions have exceeded a threshold that mark child abduction as a compounded human rights violation that cannot continue to be overlooked.

Child abduction is a state-sponsored and state-condoned policy of the Japanese government, which has deprived 4000 American children of their parents since 1992. We owe it to our children to seek their return to our homes. To begin doing this, we need H.R. 1940

Please read the material on H.R. 1940, and offer all the support you can for this legislation. It is equally as right and important a piece of legislation as you may ever have the opportunity to sponsor.

My immense and sincere thanks to you for reading and considering this letter.

Signed and dated: