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The Secretary
Standing Committee on Family and Human Services
Inquiry into Adoption of Children from Overseas

Dear Sir/Madam

My husband and I adopted a little boy from Taiwan last year and are currently in the process of adopting another child from the same country. It has recently come to our attention that if the Federal Government would change it's policy children adopted from Taiwan would be able to come to Australia much sooner by allowing them to travel to Australia after the initial decree has been granted. When we were waiting to go pick our little boy up it was nine weeks between the initial decree being granted and the final decree. As a result our little boy was eight and a half months old. If we would have been able to get him once the initial decree was granted he would have been six months old. And that would have made a big difference for him and for us. So we are asking that you consider this option.

Thank you for your time,

Kim Kapeleris