

# Statement from the Board of Directors of CUB Supporting the Amendment to the Child Citizenship Act of 2000

Concerned United Birthparents, the oldest national organization for parents who have surrendered a child to adoption, founded in 1976, support and urge swift passage of the proposed amendment #1222 to the Child Citizenship ACT of 2000 co-sponsored by Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Senator Amy Klobuchar(D-MN).

The passage of this amendment to the Act which gave automatic citizenship to international adoptees born after the year 2000 will close a terrible loophole in the law, which left international adoptees born before 2000 whose adoptive parents neglected to apply for their citizenship in a legally precarious situation through no fault of their own. Adopted adults whose adoptive parents did not file citizenship papers born before 2000 can now be deported for minor offenses, sent back to the country of birth they do not remember, do not speak the language nor have resources in that country. At least one adoptee deported to a South American country was murdered there. This is a terrible injustice to adopted persons that must be corrected, and as caring mothers we are impelled to speak out.

Adam Crapser, an adopted person born in Korea, was placed in first one and then rehomed to another abusive adoptive home, where neither "parents" bothered to apply for his citizenship. He got into some minor trouble with the law as a young person, but is now a solid married, working family man and father to several children. He is currently threatened with deportation to Korea because he was born before 2000 and the present act does not cover him or countless other international adoptees in his situation. He has a hearing coming up in June to determine his fate. His case is now getting wide publicity, but he is not the only one. Many internationally adopted adults are at risk and may not even know it.

CUB urges everyone to contact their federal legislators to urge support of amendment # 1222 of the Child Citizenship Act of 2000, and to support adoptee Adam Crapser in his struggle to stay with his family and home in his adopted country. Read his story here, and be outraged.

<http://news.yahoo.com/adoptee-south-korea-faces-deportation-us-071454146.html>

For more information, go to Gazillion Adoptees page:

<http://www.wearegazillionstrong.org/amendment-to-the-child-citizenship-act-of-2000/>

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Land-of-Gazillion-Adoptees/266367596715209?fref=hovercard>

Thank you for your support of this important and just amendment.

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