From:
To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

**Subject:** Adoption Submission

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## Dear MP Farmer,

My husband and I are kinship carers to two little ones (2 year old and a 4 year old) They are both on long term orders until they reach 18 years old. We are the only "mum" and "dad" they know and remember. When our 4 year old was placed with us last year, after being in residential care for 12 months, she was an insecure and unregulated little person. When we visited friends and family, she would ask if she had to stay there. We were the 4th placement she had in her very young 3 years. She had no idea what a loving stable family was. She is constantly telling us she's going to "keep us forever".

We want to thankyou from the bottom of our hearts for advocating that adoption be a viable option for children like our 2 year old and 4 year old. They deserve to feel safe and secure their whole lives.

We aren't trying to erase their past. We are trying to give stability and security to their future because we think this is what will give them their best chance at thriving.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Wilson