

Protecting Intercountry Adoption **AFFORDABILITY**

Advocacy Tips for Families

GOOD TO KNOW

You have two Senators and one House Representative whose offices can be contacted. They will likely want to know your zip code to show that you're a constituent. You can find their office contact information here: <https://contactingcongress.org>

TIPS

- When you call, ask to speak with the staff who handles international adoption issues.
- If they are going to transfer you to voice mail, ask for an email address before they put you into voice mail.
- After you talk, follow-up with a "thank you" email that includes information that you want your representative to know, and includes your contact information.



TALKING POINTS

- Tell each Congressional Office, in your own words, about the Department of State's **new accreditation fee increases** at a time when intercountry adoption is already very expensive and difficult.
- Would _____ [*Member of Congress*] _____ please work with...

For House: House Foreign Affairs Committee

For Senate: Senate Foreign Relations Committee

...to hold oversight hearings about the Department of State's substantial fee increases and assess the impact these new policies will have on the future of intercountry adoption, vulnerable children, and the U.S. families that want to adopt them.