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VOICE OF THE CHILD

Join an inspirational young Russian-American adoptee in asking President Putin to save intercountry adoption for kids like him.

December 21, 2012 – Alexandria, VA – Legislation has been introduced in the Russian Parliament that would ban intercountry adoptions between Russia and the United States. The legislation passed a third and final reading in the Russian Duma on Friday, December 21st and will proceed to be reviewed by the Russian Federation on Wednesday, December 26th after which it must be signed by President Putin to become law.

Young Russian adoptee, Alexander “Sasha” D’Jamoos, an inspirational young man who recently climbed Kilimanjaro on prosthetics, joined by other Russian-American Adoptees, families, and other supporters of adoption will deliver a letter addressed to President Putin to the Russian Embassy in Washington, DC. We hope to know and share the timing of this letter’s delivery soon.

Sasha’s letter is requesting that the President Putin and the Russian Federation would remember the many children remaining in orphanages who will be impacted were this ban to go into effect. Sasha’s letter recalls his difficult time in a Russian orphanages and the hope and help he found when he came to his family in the United States. An opportunity for adoption and a family allowed him, like many Russian orphans, to find hope for a successful future. Sasha shares that based on his experience as a Russian orphan and an American adoptee, that he believes “The rhetoric of the Anti-Magnitsky legislation is illogical, heartless, and simply inhumane.” Sasha, and many adoptees like him, believe that closing a door to intercountry adoption between Russia and the United States would close the door on the hope of a family for many thousands of waiting Russian orphans.

Join with Sasha, and many others to ask President Putin to act compassionately towards the many Russian children waiting for families. Ask President Putin not to sign into law a ban on intercountry adoption with the United States which might prevent amazing young people like Sasha from finding their way to a family. Please sign the letter here.

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