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The Honorable Pete Stark
239 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative Stark,

The Association of Missing and Exploited Children's Organizations (AMECO) is comprised of nonprofits located across the US and Canada that assist in the prevention, recovery and reintegration of missing and sexually exploited children. AMECO members provide services to families of missing and exploited children, support law enforcement and other community groups, and offer education/awareness programs to promote child protection. AMECO provides critical training on best practices in the field, opportunities for networking and collaboration and technical assistance to member organizations.

AMECO applauds the efforts of Representative Stark, Representative Courtney, Representative Paulsen, and Representative Tiberi to ensure that tax return information can be used in the investigation and prosecution of missing child cases. We must not accept that the federal government may already possess information about where specific missing children are located while federally funded programs continue to search for those same children. And we cannot justify that child abductors report their contact details to the IRS while law enforcement agencies across the country seek to bring those very fugitives to justice.

Thank you for your work to make tax return information available in missing child cases. It is imperative that we work together and use all available resources to help bring missing children home.

Sincerely,

Wendy Jolley-Kabi

Executive Director