



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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Dear Trish:

This is to let you know how much the Department of State appreciates the great work you have done over the past five years as Founder and President of Ethica. You have been a true champion for children and families in intercountry adoption.

Ethica has successfully found the balance between moving children in need quickly through the adoption process and making sure they and their families are protected from exploitation. You have been equally a proponent of intercountry adoption and an advocate for children, their birth families, and prospective adoptive families. Your hard work and dedication to ethical adoption has helped children and families around the world.

We would also like to thank you for your help in ratifying and implementing the Hague Intercountry Adoption Convention for the United States this year. This seminal accomplishment would not have been possible without the advice and support of Ethica and your coalition of supporters in the adoption community.

Although we are sad to see you move on, we are pleased to have the opportunity to continue to work with Ethica as it continues on its important mission. Along with everyone in our Office of Children's Issues, I wish you all the best in your next endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Acting Assistant Secretary

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