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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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His Excellency Anatoly Antonov  
Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States of America, Permanent Observer of the  
Russian Federation to the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.  
2650 Wisconsin Ave, N.W.  
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Ambassador Antonov,

I am writing today on behalf of one of my constituents, Mr. Brian Mobley, to bring an issue of great concern to your attention. Mr. Mobley has sought assistance in bringing his daughters, Sophia and Isabella, home to the United States from the Russian Federation. As you may be aware, Sophia and Isabella were taken from their father, without his consent, by their mother, Bogdana Mobley, from the United States to Kaliningrad in 2014. Mr. Mobley has worked tirelessly to bring his daughters home, at considerable financial and emotional expense.

The United States Embassy in Moscow has worked to achieve a diplomatic solution to the wider issue of the expatriation of American children and has already issued passports to Sophia and Isabella in recognition of their citizenship of the United States. However, the Russian Federation has thus far declined to deliver Sophia and Isabella to their father, instead preferring to tie up their status in the Russian courts.

Given that the Russian Federation has sought a thaw of diplomatic ties between our countries, as well as greater recognition on the world stage as a nation willing to negotiate peaceful and humanitarian deals for the betterment of all, I am very concerned by these actions that greatly affect my constituent, Mr. Mobley. I respectfully request that you work through the proper diplomatic and domestic channels in order to reunite these two innocent children with their father.

I eagerly await your reply, and I look forward to working with you in solving this problem for the betterment of the continued relationship between the United States of America and Russia.

Respectfully,



Congressman Ron Estes  
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