

The Honorable Barbara Boxer
Senate Foreign Relations Committee Business Meeting – Suggested Talking Points on
International Parental Child Abduction Resolution
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Chairman Kerry, Senator Lugar – thank you for working with me to include my resolution condemning international parental child abduction on today’s business meeting agenda – and for your leadership on this issue. I also want to thank my colleagues for their support.

Every year, hundreds of American children are abducted by a parent across international borders, but many people in our country are unaware of this all-too-common problem.

This issue is very personal for me as a mother and as a grandmother. Child abduction rips innocent children from their homes and disrupts their lives. This is devastating for the children and heartbreaking for the left-behind parents.

I introduced this resolution to help shine a light on child abduction and to urge immediate and sustained action to address it.

Specifically, the resolution condemns the abduction of a child by one parent to another country. It also calls on our nation and the international community to do more to resolve current and future abduction cases.

By approving this resolution, we are sending a clear, bipartisan message that the United States Senate stands united in its condemnation of child abduction and its commitment to help end this injustice.

I hope my colleagues will vote to unanimously adopt this resolution today.