

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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His Excellency Fernando Llorca Castro
Ambassador of the Republic of Costa Rica
Embassy of the Republic of Costa Rica
2114 C Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008

Dear Ambassador Llorca Castro:

We are writing to follow up on a New Jersey constituent case, Mr. Jonathan Stefanick, an American citizen whose child, Camille Stefanick Berrocal, was abducted to Costa Rica by her mother in August 2019.

It is our understanding that as Mr. Stefanick continues to pursue his legal right to custody of his daughter and her safe return to the United States, the relevant authorities in Costa Rica have ordered that Mr. Stefanick be allowed to have contact with the child. Unfortunately, this has not yet occurred. It is also our understanding that earlier this month Costa Rica's Family Court ruled in favor of Mr. Stefanick, authorizing Camille's return to the United States.

Camille has only ever lived in the United States until her abduction to Costa Rica in 2019. As you know, in becoming a party to the Hague Convention on International Child Abduction, Costa Rica agreed to return as quickly as possible all internationally abducted children to their country of habitual residence, which is the United States in this instance.

We believe that your advocacy on this case can play an important role, specifically as it relates to the reinstatement of contact between Mr. Stefanick and his daughter. We encourage you to pursue all appropriate diplomatic channels to ensure its swift resolution. We thank you in advance for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Robert Menendez
United States Senator



Cory A. Booker
United States Senator