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### Alert: Members of Congress ask Guatemala's President to expedite adoptions

U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and 75 other Members of Congress signed a letter that was sent to the President of Guatemala, Alvaro Colom, and other key Guatemalan officials, asking them to facilitate the adoptions of approximately 400 cases. The letter discusses the fact that these cases have been pending since at least the 2007 adoption system reform was enacted and the continued concern that these cases have been inexplicably delayed.

The letter asks President Colom to create a transparent system to protect the children, birth parents, and adopting parents.