



October 31, 2019

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
US Senate  
261 Russell Senate Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

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For these reasons, we urge you to support the Family First Transition and Support Act. Please free to contact CCI if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance.

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The Honorable Ken Buck  
US House of Representatives  
1130 Cannon HOB  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative Buck:

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The Honorable Jason Crow  
US House of Representatives  
1229 Longworth HOB  
Washington DC 20515

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The Honorable Diana DeGette  
US House of Representatives  
2111 Rayburn HOB  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Representative DeGette:

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354 Russell Senate Office Bldg  
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US House of Representatives  
2402 Rayburn HOB  
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US House of Representatives  
1419 Longworth HOB  
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218 Cannon HOB  
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