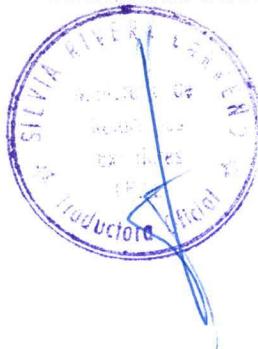


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Su Excelencia Patricio Aylwin

Palacio de la Moneda

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Estimado Presidente Aylwin:

Me dirijo a Ud. con respecto a un caso actualmente pendiente en la Corte Suprema de su país. David y Marsha Karam, de Walker, Minnesota, han apelado y se les

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ha concedido una nueva revisión del caso de adopción de Laura Andrea Lara Lara.

Como Ud. debe saber, el Sr. y Sra. Karam ya han adoptado al hermano biológico de Laura, Jacob José. El año pasado, ellos recibieron los documentos de la tuición y la visa del hermano de Jacob José, Jorge Andrés Rojas Lara, a quien ellos encontraron en el Orfelinato de Temuco. Al quedar embarazada de Laura, la madre biológica, Fresia Carmen Lara Cisternu, se contactó con el matrimonio Karam a fin de solicitarles que recibieran al bebé en colocación para que los hermanos pudieran criarse juntos en los Estados Unidos. Actuando lo más rápido posible, David Karam vino a Chile para hacerse cargo de Laura. David y Jorge han estado en Chile desde octubre de 1991 y naturalmente se han encariñado mucho con ella.



Desafortunadamente, un nuevo juez de la ciudad de Cafete, colocó a Laura en un orfelinato. Además, el juez se puso en contacto con un matrimonio chileno, colocó a Laura en su hogar por un fin de semana, y les concedió su tuición el 9 de diciembre de 1991. Esto sucedió en un período de tres semanas y evidentemente se hizo en contra de los deseos de la madre biológica.

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Los Karam han sido padres cariñosos, admirables, y lo serán también para Laura si se les da la oportunidad. A mi entender, la decisión de la Corte de Apelaciones que otorgó la tuición que correspondía al matrimonio Karam debería ser reconsiderada seriamente. Creo que esta decisión, que mantiene a los niños juntos, beneficiaría mucho más a Laura.

Apreciaríamos que Ud. reconsiderara este caso. Agradeceríamos la reposición del fallo de la Corte de Apelaciones que concede la tuición al matrimonio Karam.

Atentamente,

(Firma)

Collin C. Peterson

Miembro del Congreso



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Señor

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Estados Unidos

Estimado señor:

Por encargo de S.E. el Presidente de la República, don Patricio Aylwin Azócar, tengo el agrado de acusar recibo de su carta del 17 de junio recién pasado en que señala la situación que afecta al matrimonio Karam en relación a la tutición de la niña Laura Andrea Lara Lara.

Sobre el particular, informo a Ud. que hemos solicitado al Ministerio de Justicia de nuestro país que estudie la situación expuesta por Ud. y prontamente le haremos saber nuestra opinión al respecto.

Saluda atentamente a Ud.

CARLOS BASCUÑAN EDWARDS  
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