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December 16, 2021

Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden and Senator Crapo,

On November 17th, 2021, President Biden announced his intent to nominate Rebecca Jones Gaston as the Commissioner for the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health and Human Services.

Rebecca is longtime friend and colleague and has always embraced, on the deepest level, the mission of C.A.S.E. Rebecca volunteered many years at C.A.S.E.'s Annual Kids' Adoption Network (KAN) Conferences and served on the National Advisory of NTI, National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative.

In her current role as Child Welfare Director for the State of Oregon's Department of Human Resources, she created connections bringing the value of adoption competency training through implementation of NTI and TAC to the state of Oregon.

I know she will lead with dignity, grace and commitment to the children and families we all care about and will bring her personal perspective as an adult adoptee who grew up in a transracial family. We wish to congratulate Rebecca and look forward to her confirmation and her continued impact upon child welfare practice.

Sincerely,

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