



ADOPTEE RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Summary of the Family is More Than DNA Postcard Campaign

About

The goal of the *Family is More than DNA Postcard Campaign* is to educate and organize support for passage of the Adoptee Citizenship Act, a bipartisan bill in both chambers of Congress which will grant U.S. citizenship to all internationally adopted individuals regardless of when they were born. This act will grant U.S. citizenship to an estimated 35,000 adoptees that are currently without citizenship status.

Who We Are

This effort is being led by the Adoptee Rights Campaign, a diverse group of intercountry adoptees and allies striving to advance adoptee rights. The campaign is being heavily supported by several key organizations including the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC), the Korean American Coalition (KAC) and Adoption Links DC (ALDC).

Purpose

Since the 1940s, an estimated 354,000 children have been adopted by U.S. citizen parents from overseas. For those born before 1983, the burden of obtaining U.S. citizenship after adoption was placed on the adoptive parents. Due to lack of knowledge, bureaucracy, expense and neglect, an estimated 35,000 adopted children, of whom 18,000 are Korean American, were never naturalized by their U.S. citizen parents. These adoptees, now adults, face many barriers including difficulties accessing financial aid for higher education, gainful employment, public services, and home loans. They also are denied the right to vote and are at risk of deportation back to a country where they do not have known family, cannot speak the language, do not know the culture and will not be allowed to legally work.

Timeline and Goals

Dates of Postcard Collection: September – November, 2016

Goal: To collect 3,500 postcards per month and deliver them to Members of Congress, including the chairs and members of Senate and House Judiciary Committees and Congressional Adoption Caucus.

Support Adoptees NOW Currently Without U.S. Citizenship

1. Sign postcard individually and/or endorse as an organization
2. Ask others at your school, work, religious organization or other community centers to sign postcards
3. Call (or write to) your Senators and Representatives to express your support for the ACA
4. Donate to support the ACA work: bit.ly/donateACA (Please write "Adoptee Citizenship" in memo box)

To sign postcards electronically, please use the following link: bit.ly/Postcard4ACA. To find an event happening near you, please email adopteedefense@gmail.com and write "Postcard Event" and your state in the subject title.

For more information, please visit www.adopteerightscampaign.org or email ARC at adopteedefense@gmail.com

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