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December 3, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama
Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to inquire as to the State Department's implementation of the Admiral James W. Nance and Meg Donovan Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001 (P.L. 106-113) – specifically, the provisions of section 801 of Title VIII, subtitle A, codified at 8 U.S.C. 1182e.

This section requires that the Secretary of State not issue a visa to any foreign national who has been directly involved in the establishment or enforcement of population control policies forcing a woman to undergo an abortion or forcing a man or woman to undergo sterilization. The intent is to target officials of the People's Republic of China and other countries who are involved in forced abortion, denying them visas and thus preventing their entry to the United States.

I have inquired as to how many people have been denied visas under this law, but the State Department has yet to provide us with information. It is my understanding that to date there has been a glaring lack of implementation.

I therefore request that you direct the State Department to provide us with information immediately as to the number of visas denied under this provision since the date of enactment, and also inform us as to process used to determine whether visa applicants are subject to denial under this provision.

In addition, I ask that you provide us with a roadmap to ensure how this law will be faithfully implemented consistent with Congressional intent going forward, including any training that will be done to ensure that consular officials are versed in what the law requires.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,