



# CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

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Dear Friends:

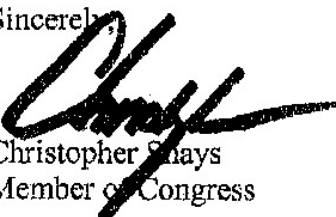
It gives me great pleasure to congratulate The Children First Foundation for its fine work as it holds the 2003 Charity Concert for Adoption.

Connecticut's Safe Haven Law can only function effectively with the assistance of organizations that make adoptions a reality. The Children First Foundation plays an important role by ensuring the safety of abandoned infants, and placing them with loving, supportive families.

I am concerned about the extraordinary number of pregnancies among our young people and support a variety of education programs, including those promoting abstinence, especially for younger teenagers. While I support reproductive freedom and family planning assistance, I also commend the work of The Children of Hope Safe Haven Program for providing this valuable emergency service to vulnerable infants.

Please accept my heartfelt best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,



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