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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Reid and McConnell:

On behalf of the undersigned public child welfare administrators and their deputies, we urge you to hold a floor vote on the confirmation of Bryan Samuels as the Commissioner of Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF) in the Department of Health and Human Services.

During his testimony before the Senate Finance Committee on October 15, 2009, Mr. Samuels stated that his first priority was implementation of the new Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (P.L. 110-351). This is our priority, too, and it cannot be done without his guidance.

Mr. Samuels has a long-standing career in public service and is devoted to helping at-risk children and families. Mr. Samuels brings an in-depth knowledge as the former Director of Illinois' Department of Child and Family Services. He is particularly interested in improving outcomes for older youth in foster care.

Again, we urge you to confirm Mr. Samuels as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Tom Morton, Director
Clark County Department of Family Services



Patricia Wilson, Commissioner
Department for Community-Based
Services, Kentucky Cabinet for
Health and Family Services



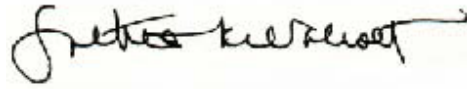
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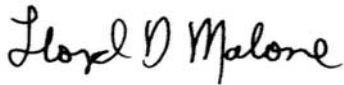
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