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Dear Senator Gillibrand,

I am contacting you regarding the case of your constituent Ms. Jannah Sims, and the failure of the Swiss judicial system, and Swiss government to comply with national and international law in regards to the custody of her son, Malik Sims. Unfortunately, cases like Ms. Sims are far from isolated or rare, due to rampant discrimination against women and lack of due process in family courts around the world.

Please find enclosed a USB which contains not only a copy of the letter sent to your office in February 2013, high-lighting many of the issues involved, but letters I have written to the US Department of State in the past 5 years requesting that they rescind their policy of non-compliance with the Convention of Consular Relations and State Department guidelines and directives, in violation of federal law. If American Consulates were complying with the national and international law cases such as Ms. Sims' could be prevented from developing in the first place.

Additionally, included in the USB is a copy of *Family Courts in Crisis* newsletters (Sept.'13-June'14), which documents the enormity and gravity of the problems with explanations as to why the phenomenon is occurring, as well as my submission to the UN Commission on the Status of Women in August 2012 regarding the issues.

I thank you for your interest in Ms. Sims' case and the plight of her child. The prolonged suffering of this child is something which should not, and cannot be taken lightly, and a speedy return of Malik to his mother in the USA is of utmost importance and urgency.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Quenby Wilcox