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TO: CATHY JAMESON (JUSTICE MINISTER)
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Cathy Jameson
Justice Minister
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Dear Ms. Jameson,

I am a mother of two young children and I am shocked by the insensitive and damaging treatment of Aela Boyd. She has been taken from the only parent she has ever known, taken from her home and friends and community. This abduction of a two and a half year old girl is not only terrible but unbelievably has continued for 15 months.

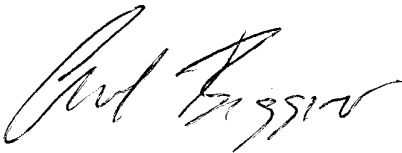
She desperately wants to come home to her father, Billy Boyd and her friends, none of whom have seen her during this time. All her friends have been shocked by what has been allowed to happen and have waited for justice to be done. Instead of Aela being returned home immediately she has been abandoned by the Court with no understanding of the irreparable damage that is being done.

How can a child cope with being abducted by a stranger, taken 350 miles away from her home and sole carer, her father and only allowed to see him for 2 hours every two weeks? You should feel ashamed to represent this form justice to a vulnerable child.

Sheriff Smith has shown a terrible lack of understanding, a bias towards the mother, who has demonstrated a great lack of care and concern for her daughter. This Sheriff is responsible for this young child's rights and emotional well being. God help us if he is our children's protector.

Please confirm that you have personally read this letter.

Yours faithfully,



Gail Biggins