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To whom it may concern,

RE: LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO FORCED ADOPTION

Why we are writing to you

We understand that, as a mother forced to give up her child or as someone who was forced into a mother and baby institution, but who kept her child, you may be a survivor of one of the UK's gravest injustices of the past century.

For over a year, we have been working with survivors of forced adoption and advocacy groups who are seeking truth, accountability and just reparations from those responsible. The aim of the claim is to secure significant damages for our clients, as well as vindicating their rights and exposing the scale and extent of this horrific scandal.

Who are we

We are an award-winning and recognised by the *Legal 500* as a top-tier public-interest litigation law firm with a long track record of successfully representing victims and survivors of state, corporate, and human rights abuses, as well as terrorism, against powerful opponents.

Jason McCue and Matthew Jury, our partners, have been at the forefront of human rights law, victim-group actions, and public-interest litigation for over three decades. Our website can be found here: <http://mccue-law.com/>

Our cases

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We specialise in bringing claims relating to historic injustices and are currently representing British military nuclear test veterans and victims of the Flight BA149 hostage scandal in proceedings before the High Court. We also represent alleged victims of social media 'influencer' Andrew Tate, a suspected serial rapist and human trafficker, as well as victims of rape, sexual assault and human trafficking by former Harrods owner Mohammad Al-Fayed.

We have previously successfully represented claimants in cases against the Real IRA terrorist responsible for the 1998 Omagh bombing, the Gaddafi Regime, HAMAS, the IRA terrorist responsible for the 1982 Hyde Park bombing, and the Libyan terrorist responsible for the 1984 murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher.

How we can help

For our existing clients, other survivors of forced adoption like you, we have been preparing legal claims on behalf of mothers whose children were taken from them, and we invite you to register your interest. We are also considering whether the claim can be extended to include women who were in mother and baby institutions but who did not part with their child.

If we proceed, we will finance your claim through a third-party litigation funding arrangement and represent you on a no-win, no-fee basis. This means you will not have to pay any upfront fees, disbursements or expenses.

The time has come for the women affected by forced adoption to be heard and for those responsible to be held to account.

If you or anyone you know has experienced forced adoption in England & Wales, we would welcome hearing from you by completing and returning the enclosed Expression of Interest Form or emailing us directly at the email address below.

Also enclosed with this letter is a list of 'Frequently Asked Questions'.

Please note that registering your interest does not commit you to any course of action or incur any costs or liabilities.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write to us at forcedadoptionclaim@mccue-law.com

Yours sincerely,

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who is eligible to bring a claim? A: The claim will be brought on behalf of mothers whose children were taken from them and who were residents of mother and baby homes. We are also considering whether mothers whose babies were not taken for adoption can also join the claim, and we will need to consider such claims in further detail in order to establish their viability. At present however, there is nothing to prevent such claimants from expressing their interest in joining this potential claim.

Q: Who will the claim be against? A: The claim will be against organisations that administered mother and baby homes. This will certainly include the Church of England and the Catholic Church, as well as any other church groups or local authorities who are viable defendants.

Q: Will I have to pay? A: You will be represented by us on a no-win, no-fee basis. This claim will be financed by us through a third-party litigation funding arrangement, so you will not have to pay any upfront fees, disbursements or expenses. In return, but only if you are successful, you will be required to repay your share of the financing and related litigation costs, with interest, from a portion of any damages awarded.

Q: How long will the claim take? If the claims do not settle, it could take 3-5 years to reach trial. In practice, many claims settle well in advance of trial, in which case the time period will be far shorter.

Q: How will this claim interact with the work being done to secure a Government apology for forced adoption? A: The claim will proceed alongside the work being done to secure a Government apology. Indeed, the publicity the claim will attract will almost certainly increase pressure on the Government to apologise and ensure this scandal is not ignored.

Q: I don't have my adoption records. Will this stop me from joining the claim? A: No, we will work with you to find and obtain such records.

Q: What will be required from me to join the claim? A: After completing the expression of interest form, we will contact you when we are ready to bring you on board as a client. We will then send you engagement terms to sign, and once our identity checks are complete, you will be a client of the firm.

Q: What happens if I die or lose capacity during the claim? A: In this unfortunate circumstance, any award of damages or settlement owed to you will be paid out to your estate in accordance with the terms of your will or the rules of intestacy.

Q: Will I be required to commit a huge amount of time to this case? A: As there will be a great many claimants, not everyone will be required to commit large amounts of time to the claim unless they wish to do so. You will, however, be required to complete a questionnaire and potentially provide a written witness statement and/or submit to an expert assessment of the harm (financial and psychological) which has been caused. We will of course assist you with this. A select group of claimants will also be required to attend the trial.

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