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To: Wallace J (Jim), MSP
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Subject: Revs SUPPORT adoption by gay couples

Dear MSP Wallace,

I am the Rev. Lindsay Louise Biddle, an American citizen residing in Crookston, and a minister of religion. I write in SUPPORT of the proposed law that would allow gay and unmarried couples to adopt children.

There is NO valid theological or biblical reason to deny lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people the same civil and human rights -- and the same privileges and responsibilities -- as straight people.

There are MANY reasons -- theological, biblical, political and social -- to SUPPORT the full legal inclusion of responsible adults, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender, who wish to raise children through fostering, adopting or giving birth.

Please count me and my husband, the Rev. Dr. John Mann, who serves as the Church of Scotland pastor of St. James' Church in Pollok, as two of the many clergy who SUPPORT this law. We would be happy to testify publicly at any time.

Sincerely,

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