

(Washington, DC) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today issued the following statement following the return of Sean Goldman to the custody of his father, David, after a five-plus year legal battle in Brazil:

“Like all Americans, I am thankful and relieved that my constituents, David and Sean Goldman, have finally been reunited. David's perseverance and enduring love for his son have inspired millions, and I am delighted that he and Sean will be together as father and son. I also want to thank President Obama, Secretary Clinton, and the career professionals at the State Department who worked to bring Sean home.

"Although this case has been successfully resolved, thousands of American families who have been victimized by international parental child abduction are not so fortunate. Those families also need our government's help, and last week I wrote Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer asking that they expedite consideration of legislation designed to help those parents. The problem of international parental child abduction did not start with this case, and our efforts to end it must continue even as David and Sean Goldman resume their life together."