

**HOLT ANNOUNCES CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT HEARING ON SEAN GOLDMAN,
INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION**

***Foreign Affairs Committee, at Holt's Request, to Hold October 29 Hearing; David
Goldman to be a Witness***

(Washington, DC) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced that on October 29, the Oversight subcommittee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs will hold a hearing – at Holt's request – on international parental child abduction. The first congressional hearing on internal parental child abduction, and it will highlight the plight of Sean Goldman and other kidnapped children. One witness is expected to be David Goldman, the father of Sean, an 8-year-old American citizen who the Brazilian government has prevented from returning home to the U.S. Representatives from the State Department, and possibly the Department of Justice, also will be testifying. Holt has urged Brazil to comply immediately with its obligations under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Parental Abduction.

“We’re going to keep this issue front and center with our government and that of Brazil until Sean and the other children being held hostage are returned,” Holt said. “Resolution of this case – per the terms of the Hague Convention - is of paramount importance. It is long past time for Sean to be reunited with his father.”

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