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RE: *Because I Loved You*

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am the Associate Executive Director of the Independent Adoption Center, one of the largest adoption agencies in the U.S. I am also the co-author of the pioneering book about open adoption (initially published in 1982) *Dear Birthmother*, as well as a follow-up book *Children of Open Adoption*.

I have read the sample chapters from Patricia Dischler's book *Because I Loved You*, and I think this book would be an excellent resource for adoption agencies and adoption professionals to recommend to their clients (birthparents and adoptive parents). There are several books written by birthmothers about their personal experiences with adoption, but they describe the era of closed adoption and secrecy. Today's birthmothers and prospective adoptive parents are entering the world of open adoption, and they need resources which address ongoing relationships between birthparents, adoptive parents, and the children, as well as talk about the birthparent experience. This book would provide that important information to aid today's families.

I encourage you to give serious consideration to the publication of this book.

Sincerely,

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