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Dear Patricia,

I am delighted to express my support for your memoir, *Because I Loved You*. We both know the most successful adoptions result from mutual respect among everyone involved, abetted by the positive attitudes of counselors, family members and society at large. Your story underscores all those realities and, as a result, is an inspiration to all of us who are touched by adoption. More than that, I have high hopes that your book will instigate positive changes in our world.

You have an important message, one that many people in the adoption community are anxious to hear - and need to hear. Your memoir will be a valuable resource for adoption professionals, giving them the wherewithal to share with potential birthmothers the voice of an understanding ally. In addition, *Because I Loved You* will be truly beneficial to adoptive parents and adopted people, offering insights into who birthmothers really are and thereby helping to promote respect for everyone involved. Finally, as head of an organization devoted to enhancing the understanding and perception of adoption, I know how valuable your book will be to furthering that vital mission.

As Executive Director of the Adoption Institute and author of *Adoption Nation*, I know very well the people to whom your memoir is intended to appeal. I'm confident it will indeed appeal to them - and, given that they comprise a community of nearly 100 million people, it's a fabulous starting point for marketing your book and getting its message across.

When the time comes, as I'm sure it will, I'll gladly help you get your book out there by offering you counsel based on my own experience as an author, and by connecting you with professionals, organizations and conferences that are likely to want you as a speaker.

I applaud you for sharing such an emotional and intimate portion of your life, and I'm happy to give you - and your book - my heartfelt endorsement. I wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,



Adam Pertman, Executive Director
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