

Advocacy

Tyler's family is proposing the T Hill Bill for Safety Standards, to ensure safety protocols will be put into place to protect thousands of children who participate in student ambassador programs – and other travel programs – each year.

“I will under no circumstances take a position where I could be accused of merely ‘selling a name’ for publicity purposes for a corporation."–President Eisenhower

(Quote from Stephen Ambrose's biography “Eisenhower, Soldier and President,” page 234, 1st paragraph.)

The US Department of State

Seeks information on alternative and more specific means of screening potential families to host exchange visitors participating in the Secondary School Student category of the Exchange Visitor Program. Current regulations allow sponsors the flexibility to exercise their independent judgment when evaluating the financial resources, moral character, and composition of potential host families, as well as the suitability of potential home environments. The Department believes, however, that the lack of specificity or industry standards may have contributed to the recent degradation of the appropriateness of selected families, thereby putting at risk the health, safety, and welfare of this most vulnerable group of visitors.

The Department will accept comments from the public up to October 2, 2009.

Email JExchanges@state.gov

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Support the Traveling Youth's Standards of Safety (TY'S S.O.S.) bill

Support the Traveling Youth's Standards of Safety bill and voice your concerns about the need for safety standards to protect children. There are many ways you can get involved; write your Congress and Senate leaders to advocate for TY'S S.O.S.

Unfair & Deceptive Acts of Practice

Sheryl Hill filed an Unfair and Deceptive Acts of Practice (UDAP) complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on February 8th, 2008.