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As an adoptee who had no contact with my biological family for 44 years, I can give personal testimony to the detrimental effect relinquishment/abandonment has on a child. I'm also part of several groups who amplify adoptee voices, and as they share their stories, it's obvious abandonment has a lifelong impact. Rather than offering a comfier version of the abandonment boxes that have been used in America since the 1700s, please do the hard work of supporting women, children, and families through family preservation efforts in the 21st century. Our children deserve better.