(Washington, DC) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today issued the following statement after the Brazilian Supreme Court ruled that 9-year-old Sean Goldman stay in Brazil and not be returned to his father, David. On Wednesday the Brazilian Federal Appeals Court ruled that Sean should be returned to his father. Holt represents Tinton Falls, where David Goldman resides. He has pushed the return of Sean Goldman with the State Department, including directly with Secretary Clinton, and Brazilian authorities. He also introduced the International Parental Child Abduction Deterrence Act (H.R. 3487), which would empower the Secretary of State to freeze the assets of international parental kidnappers and the assets of anyone assisting them in illegally retaining a parentally-kidnapped child outside the United States.

“Another delay is inexcusable and unjustifiable. We can only imagine what this emotional rollercoaster must be like for Sean Goldman’s father and the whole family. It certainly outrages me.

“Brazil simply does not understand its obligations under the Hague Treaty. I have called the Secretary of State to say that evidently the United States must show Brazil what those obligations are.”