

EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
CALIFORNIA  
CHAIRMAN

AMY PORTER  
CHIEF OF STAFF

THOMAS SHEEHY  
STAFF DIRECTOR



ELIOT L. ENGEL, NEW YORK  
RANKING DEMOCRATIC MEMBER

JASON STEINBAUM  
DEMOCRATIC STAFF DIRECTOR

One Hundred Fifteenth Congress  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2170 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
[www.foreignaffairs.house.gov](http://www.foreignaffairs.house.gov)

October 24, 2018

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
Secretary  
Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C., 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We commend the U.S. Government team that helped secure the release and return of Andrew Brunson. The State Department—particularly U.S. Embassy Ankara—performed with the professionalism and dedication we expect from American diplomats. We look forward to receiving a debrief from your team to our staff on Mr. Brunson's release within the next week.

There are certainly many high profile issues on the agenda between the United States and Turkey, including the alleged murder and disappearance of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Nevertheless, other American citizens, including NASA scientist Dr. Serkan Golge, and U.S. Mission locally-employed staff remain imprisoned by Turkey on spurious charges. We believe that it is important the State Department continue to actively press Turkey for their release and look forward to a briefing on efforts to secure their freedom.

Again, thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eliot L. Engel in blue ink.

Eliot L. Engel  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs

Handwritten signature of Gregory W. Meeks in blue ink.

Gregory W. Meeks  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs

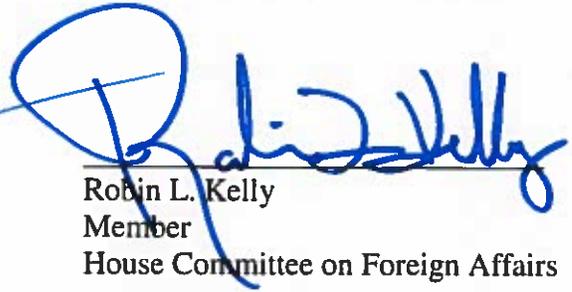
The Honorable Mike Pompeo

October 24, 2018

Page Two



Albio Sires  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



Robin L. Kelly  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



Brad Sherman  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



David N. Cicilline  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



William R. Keating  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs

EDWARD R. ROYCE,  
CALIFORNIA  
CHAIRMAN

AMY PORTER  
CHIEF OF STAFF

THOMAS SHEEHY  
STAFF DIRECTOR



ELIOT L. ENGEL, NEW YORK  
RANKING DEMOCRATIC MEMBER

JASON STEINBAUM  
DEMOCRATIC STAFF DIRECTOR

One Hundred Fifteenth Congress  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2170 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
[www.foreignaffairs.house.gov](http://www.foreignaffairs.house.gov)

October 24, 2018

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
Secretary  
Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C., 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We commend the U.S. Government team that helped secure the release and return of Andrew Brunson. The State Department—particularly U.S. Embassy Ankara—performed with the professionalism and dedication we expect from American diplomats. We look forward to receiving a debrief from your team to our staff on Mr. Brunson's release within the next week.

There are certainly many high profile issues on the agenda between the United States and Turkey, including the alleged murder and disappearance of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Nevertheless, other American citizens, including NASA scientist Dr. Serkan Golge, and U.S. Mission locally-employed staff remain imprisoned by Turkey on spurious charges. We believe that it is important the State Department continue to actively press Turkey for their release and look forward to a briefing on efforts to secure their freedom.

Again, thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eliot L. Engel in blue ink.

Eliot L. Engel  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs

Handwritten signature of Gregory W. Meeks in blue ink.

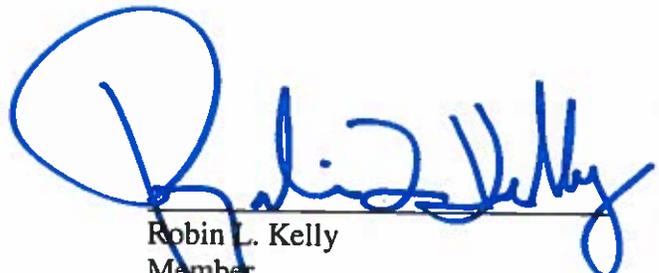
Gregory W. Meeks  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs

The Honorable Mike Pompeo  
October 24, 2018  
Page Two



---

Albio Sires  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



---

Robin L. Kelly  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



---

Brad Sherman  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



---

David N. Cicilline  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



---

William R. Keating  
Member  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs