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

The Honorable Robert O'Brien  
National Security Advisor  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Secretary Pompeo and Ambassador O'Brien,

We appreciate your efforts to free Xiyue Wang and Nizar Zakka from unjust detention in Iran. We urge the Administration to ensure that the return of Americans detained in Iran continues to remain a very high priority.

As you know well, several United States citizens including Siamak Namazi, Baquer Namazi, and Michael White remain in Iran, either imprisoned or otherwise prevented from leaving the country. Additionally, Robert Levinson was kidnapped in Iran in 2007. This fall, Iran acknowledged it has a Revolutionary court case "open" on Levinson. President Trump said publicly in December that the United States is getting signals Levinson may be alive. It is critical that we work together to bring these Americans home.

We urge you to build on these recent successes to bring those Americans who remain imprisoned or unaccounted for in Iran back home. We stand ready to assist you in these efforts. Thank you for working to ensure the safety of American citizens abroad.

Sincerely,

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