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**STATEMENT FROM THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE AMERICAN
HIKERS ON THE TWO-MONTH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DETENTION IN
IRAN**

The following statement will be read by relatives and friends of Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattal at candlelight “vigils of hope” taking place in 14 locations across the United States today.

“Today marks two months since Shane, Sarah and Josh were detained in Iran.

For two long months, Shane, Sarah and Josh have not been able to communicate with their families and friends. We cannot know if they are aware of today’s gatherings. But we do believe the light that burns tonight will travel to where they are being held in Tehran and that they will feel the love that comes to them from this place and from across America.

On Tuesday, Swiss diplomats were able to visit Shane, Sarah and Josh for the first time. They have reported that Shane, Sarah and Josh are in good shape and are being well treated. We are encouraged by this good news and by an undertaking from the Iranian President to seek a speedy resolution of their case.

We continue to hope that Shane, Sarah and Josh will be home soon. When that day comes, and surely it will, we know they will thank you from the bottom of their hearts for the support and affection that unites us in our quest to see them free.”

For a complete listing of vigils taking place today, please visit www.freethehikers.org and click on “events”