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Your Excellency

The Islamic Republic of Iran has held our children Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattal in virtual isolation from their families and the world for almost 12 months and we call on you to end their unjust and arbitrary detention before the one-year anniversary of their arrest on July 31.

Our children's imprisonment in the absence of any certainty as to their fate or to the specific allegations against them is unlawful and inhumane. We demand an immediate end to Sarah's solitary confinement and immediate access to the results of her medical tests. Sarah has serious health problems and her continued isolation will do lasting damage to her mental and physical wellbeing.

We were grateful for the opportunity to visit our children in Tehran in May but nothing has happened since then. An independent lawyer, Mr. Masoud Shafii, serves as our children's sole legal representative yet the authorities continue to deny Mr. Shafii access to his clients in violation of all due process. Our children have been able to telephone their families just once in almost a year and not at all since our visit.

We urge the Iranian authorities to live by the principles of compassion that we so admired in the Iranian people during our visit. It surely does Iran no good in the eyes of the world to continue to deprive our children of their liberty.

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is on the left, the second is in the middle and reads "Nora Shourd", and the third is on the right and reads "Laura Fattal".

Cindy Hickey, Nora Shourd and Laura Fattal