

**STATEMENT OF SOLIDARITY WITH SHANE BAUER, SARAH SHOURD AND JOSH FATTAL, WHO HAVE BEEN UNJUSTLY DETAINED IN IRAN SINCE JULY 31, 2009**

We are writing in support of Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd, and Josh Fattal who have been unjustly detained for more than nine months. These three young people are active members of a global community opposed to US aggression in the Middle East. They do not deserve to be punished for the policies of their government and the tensions they engender.

We hope that people of conscience throughout the globe will come to the defense of Shane, Sarah and Josh. If they crossed into Iranian territory, although this is unclear, they have already paid dearly for their mistake. Iran's continued detention of these three thoughtful and compassionate individuals who were on an innocent vacation is an unacceptable abuse of their rights in an effort to make a political point. We join together in calling on Iran to adopt a humane stand and release Shane, Sarah and Josh to their terribly distressed families.

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