

APPEAL TO IRAN FOR THE RELEASE OF SHANE BAUER AND JOSH FATTAL:
AN URGENT CALL FOR JUSTICE AND COMPASSION

“We urgently appeal to the Islamic Republic of Iran to release Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal without further delay and show the same compassion to them that the Iranian authorities graciously extended to their companion Sarah Shourd. We are profoundly saddened that Shane and Josh have been detained for 15 months and deeply concerned that they now face a trial on charges that bear no relation to the facts and are unsupported by any credible evidence. Shane and Josh are clearly innocent of any wrongdoing or ill intention towards Iran. They are victims of political tensions between Iran and the United States that are not of their making and for which they should not be made to suffer. We are certain that the world will applaud a further humanitarian action by Iran to end the undeserved imprisonment of Shane and Josh and the anguish and uncertainty that their families have had to endure.”

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel Laureate 1984; Mairead Maguire, Nobel Laureate 1976; Noam Chomsky, MIT Institute Professor