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The Honorable John Kerry
Secretary of State
United States Department of State
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Dear Secretary Kerry:

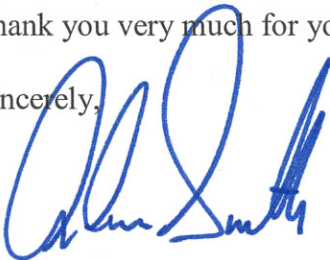
I write to follow up with you regarding the Ms. Nestora Salgado case. As you know, Ms. Salgado has been imprisoned illegally in Mexico for over two years. Most of that time she has endured inhumane conditions such as solitary confinement and inadequate medical attention. In May 2015, after months of serious health problems, she was transferred a prison with medical facilities in Mexico City. A federal court ordered her release in March, yet she still remains in jail.

The Salgado family and others are traveling to Washington, DC this week to attend a hearing at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights regarding Ms. Salgado's imprisonment. I respectfully request that officials from the State Department attend this hearing to impress upon the Commission and Mexican officials the seriousness with which the Department of State takes the safety and well-being of American citizens. The hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21. I also request that the family brief officials from your office after the hearing to provide an update on Ms. Salgado's condition and the results of the hearing, highlight the need for the highest level of USG advocacy to gain Ms. Salgado's immediate release, and listen to the next steps the USG will take to secure that release.

The main point of contact for the Salgado family is Mr. Tom Antkowiak, Associate Professor of Law, Seattle University School of Law, antkowit@seattleu.edu. Please feel free to coordinate directly with Professor Antkowiak and please keep my office apprised of the status of these requests.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Adam Smith
Member of Congress