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March 8, 2013

The Honorable John Kerry  
Secretary of State  
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Dear Secretary Kerry,

Congratulations on your appointment as the Secretary of State. I look forward to working with you in this capacity to strengthen our alliances and confront the challenges of today's world.

In March of last year I wrote to Secretary Clinton regarding my constituent, Robert Levinson, who disappeared in Iran six years ago tomorrow, on March 9, 2007. Since Mr. Levinson's disappearance from Kish Island, the Iranian government has claimed to have no knowledge of his whereabouts. Under Secretary Clinton, the U.S. Department of State remained committed to finding and returning Mr. Levinson to his family in Florida. I am writing to urge you, as Secretary of State, to make finding Robert Levinson a priority.

As you know, last year the Levinson family released a proof of life video of Robert. After tracing the video back to an internet café in western Pakistan, United States intelligence officials initially disclosed that Mr. Levinson might be somewhere in South Asia, however, there has since been no confirmation that Mr. Levinson was being held in that region. Several weeks ago, the Levinson family released additional photos they received of Robert. According to various news reports, intelligence officials now believe the Iranian government is behind the production of both the video and photos.

Mr. Secretary, please continue to raise the issue of Robert Levinson's disappearance in all appropriate international forums. I respectfully request that as Secretary, you to bring a renewed sense of urgency to our allies in pressing the Iranian government on Mr. Levinson's whereabouts in bilateral or multilateral meetings, where this message can be effectively delivered to Iran.

I thank you again for your unyielding commitment to safely bring Robert Levinson home.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ted Deutch", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ted Deutch  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS