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Congress of the United States  
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January 26, 2015

The Honorable John Kerry  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street, NW  
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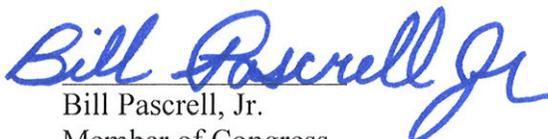
Dear Secretary Kerry,

We write to urge you to strongly condemn Russia's transnational abduction and the subsequent unlawful detention of Nadiya Savchenko, former Ukrainian Air Force pilot, Iraq War Veteran, Member of Ukraine's Parliament and delegate to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and do everything in your power to secure her immediate release.

On June 18, 2014, Ms. Savchenko was captured by pro-Russian militants in eastern Ukraine while carrying out her duty to defend her country. Eventually, she was transported to Russia, illegally detained under unsubstantiated charges, subjected to numerous interrogations by Russian authorities and denied access to her counsel. These actions are a clear violation of her human rights and international standards according to clause 5 of the September 5, 2014 Minsk Protocol, which called for the immediate release of all unlawfully detained persons. Subsequent to Russia's actions and the decision to extend her arrest, Ms. Savchenko entered a hunger strike. We are deeply concerned for Ms. Savchenko's health and well-being, as she is in solitary confinement and has been denied urgently-needed medical attention and communication with her legal counsel.

Russia's actions betray their previous commitments and have derailed good faith efforts to de-escalate the crisis in Ukraine. It is imperative you utilize all diplomatic efforts to ensure the safety of Ms. Savchenko's life and other illegally imprisoned Ukrainians immediate release. We respectfully urge you to intensify your public condemnation of her illegal imprisonment by Russia, and demand that she and the other illegally imprisoned Ukrainians be freed.

Sincerely,

  
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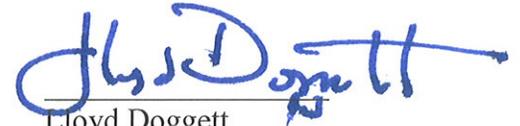
  
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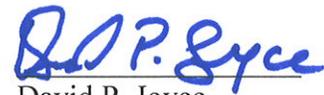
  
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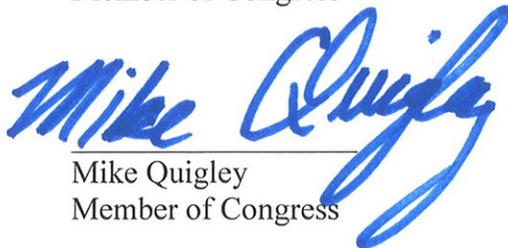
  
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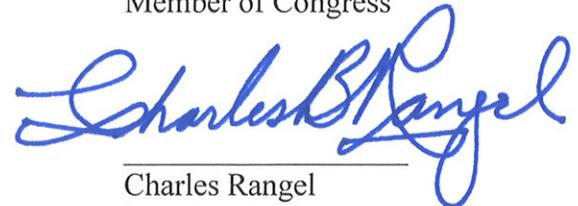
  
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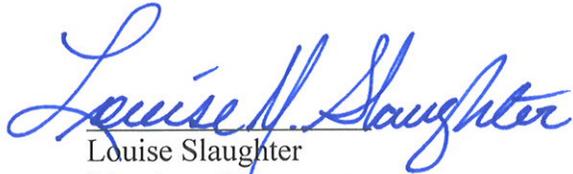
  
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