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The Honorable John Kerry  
Secretary of State  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I urge you to impress upon the Government of Qatar the importance of the immediately and unconditional release of U.S. citizens, Matthew and Grace Huang, in accordance with the Qatari Court of Appeals decision to overturn their unjust conviction.

The Huangs have been the victims of a political, biased agenda and have been made to suffer needlessly in the wake of their daughter's tragic death. There was no justification for their arrest and conviction and there is certainly no justification for Qatar to prevent their departure after the Court of Appeals ordered their release and declared them free to return home to the United States.

I would urge you to remind our Qatari allies that by failing to release the Huangs immediately, Congress is growing more concerned about the lack of cooperation we receive from their government. Given Qatar's questionable actions in this case and the growing Qatari support for groups that the U.S. has designated as foreign terrorist organizations, this could have a very negative impact on the nature of the U.S.-Qatar bilateral relationship.

Again, I join you in expressing deep concern for the Huangs and I urge you to do more to press the Qataris to release them immediately in order for them to return home to their two children and find the time to properly grieve over the loss of their daughter.

I look forward to your immediate response.

Sincerely,

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