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Dear Alasgar,

As Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I write to assure you that advocating on behalf of political prisoners – including your own unjust imprisonment - remains a personal priority. I am committed to using my voice to raise your case whenever possible and advocating for your release.

I appreciate your work with reputable organizations - including Internews and IREX – to advocate for the importance of a free press, as well as the expertise you have offered to international organizations such as the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Your career demonstrates your commitment to truth, which is a fundamental component of democracy.

I understand that you are suffering from serious health issues while in jail. I hope that you will receive the appropriate medical care and will be quickly reunited with your loved ones.

I am confident that the day will come when I welcome you to the Senate and celebrate your freedom. Until then, please stay strong and remember that your bravery is not unnoticed. I will continue to shine a spotlight on your case and advocate for your release.

Sincerely,
Senator Jeanne Shaheen



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