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Dear Farid,

As Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I write to assure you that advocating on behalf of political prisoners – including as it relates 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 admire your efforts to keep busy during your unjust incarceration. Deutsche Welle has called your “ability to explain economics” your superpower. Voice of America has written about your passion for journalism and how you pass time in prison by reading books and completing crossword puzzles. Even in times of hardship, I admire how you continue to make the most of your unjust detention.

I cannot imagine the pain of missing the birth of your child but I know your daughter, in time, will appreciate your bravery to stand up for the truth in Azerbaijan.

Please know that that your home outlet, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, is working hard to secure your freedom. I will continue to support their campaign for your release.

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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