

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Joseph R. Biden
Office of the President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write regarding the unlawful detention of our constituent George Glezmman by the Taliban in Afghanistan. We are thankful for your Administration's efforts on George's behalf, and we urge you to sustain and redouble, with the utmost urgency, your efforts to secure his release.

George Glezmman, an Atlanta resident and American citizen, was taken hostage by the Taliban while on a trip in early December 2022, and was declared wrongfully detained by the Secretary of State in September 2023. Our offices have been in close contact with George's wife Aleksandra Salukvadze, also of Atlanta, and the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs (SPEHA) regarding George's case. George requires medical attention that necessitates his speedy return home.

George was diagnosed with hemangioma, a form of benign tumor, in his face and was scheduled to have it surgically removed before being taken hostage. The 65-year-old has been denied medical treatment by the Taliban and his condition is deteriorating, with his tumor causing him vision challenges and constant pain in his eye while he is held in a dark and cold basement. He may also be suffering from blood pressure challenges. The family reports that George's only medical welfare check was in December 2023, when Qatari mediators visited him and helped George call his wife.

We are grateful for the efforts of SPEHA to secure George's release and establish phone-calls between George and his family. Given George's health, we ask that your Administration work with Qatari officials to arrange another medical welfare visit and consistent calls between George and his family.

We applaud the emphasis your Administration has placed on bringing home Americans who are wrongfully detained overseas and the care you have provided to their families. Ultimately, George's condition demands that he must return home for treatment and while we recognize the complexity of the situation, we implore you to take any necessary steps to secure George's freedom. We stand ready to support you and your Administration in this effort.

Sincerely,



Raphael Warnock
United States Senator



Jon Ossoff
United States Senator