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The Honorable Rex W. Tillerson
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Tillerson:

I write to bring your attention to a case that is currently pending in my Congressional District, *State of Florida v. Daniela Torres*. I wrote to your predecessor, Secretary John F. Kerry, on January 30, 2015, bringing his attention to the same matter.

The case involves the deaths of Ms. Deborah Peterson and Mr. Andrew Carr. Ms. Peterson and Mr. Carr were killed when Ms. Torres, a Brazilian National, was driving her vehicle while intoxicated at twice the legal limit, and crashed into the vehicle Ms. Peterson and Mr. Carr were travelling in. The crash resulted in Ms. Peterson and Mr. Carr being ejected from their car. Ms. Peterson was declared dead at the scene of the crash, and Mr. Carr would die while being rushed to the Hospital.

After Ms. Torres was arrested, she was given the opportunity to post a \$50,000 bail, which she did. The conditions of her bail were that she was neither allowed to use drugs nor leave Palm Beach, Broward or Martin counties in Florida. She violated the first condition of her bail when she tested positive for a Schedule 1 controlled substance and violated the second condition of her bail when she fled to Brazil in order to avoid her trial.

Ms. Torres clearly fled to Brazil in order to avoid justice. This miscarriage of justice is perpetuated by Brazil as it continues its misguided and bankrupt diplomatic stance to not extradite its nationals to the United States – nationals who have been charged with serious crimes here in the United States, and who must face trial so that justice can be served. As you know, Brazil's stance on extradition leaves the country increasingly isolated as other countries in South America have entered into extradition treaties with the United States. I respectfully request that you continue to put pressure on Brazil to enter into an extradition treaty with the United States, and in the near term, assist in our efforts to have Ms. Torres brought to justice. A justice owed to the victims of Ms. Torres' crimes as much as it is to their respective families.

I thank you for your time and attention to this important matter, and look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact my office at (202) 225-1313, should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alice L. Hastings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the left.

Alice L. Hastings
Member of Congress